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## Equipment Service and Home Improvement Agency

A countywide Community Equipment and Home Improvement Agency Service has been secured by Mendip District Council, Sedgemoor District Council, Somerset County Council, Somerset NHS, Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council. The service known as 'Somerset My Home My Life' is provided in partnership by Millbrook Healthcare and Aster Living and originally commenced on 3rd August 2015.

The Community Equipment Service provided by Millbrook Healthcare will procure, deliver, collect and recycle simple aids for daily living and more complex pieces of equipment to enable people to stay in their own home environment or educational setting. It will also facilitate hospital discharges with the provision of equipment e.g. beds and mattress systems, allowing people to be in a place of their choice. The service is accessible via assessed need by a health or social care professional.

The Home Improvement Agency Service provided by Aster Living will assist people to repair, improve and maintain and adapt their home to maintain independence. The service is open to all ages and provides support to older people, people with disabilities or anyone who is vulnerable at home, including families with young children. The disabled adaptation service is accessed via an assessment of need by a health or social care professional in conjunction with District Councils and the Home Improvement Agency. Any repair and improvement of the home may be assisted by your District Council.

Both Millbrook Healthcare and Aster Living provide retail services which can be accessed by the general public.

For further information on these services you can either contact:

Millbrook Healthcare on: **0333 003 2407**

or

Aster Living on: **0333 400 8299.**

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