

## Evaluation of Bariatric Walking Frame – with and without wheels

Product evaluations were completed by the Mobility Sub Group and physiotherapists working with patients at the DRI.

Sub Group therapists evaluated the Sunrise and Roma frames

DRI physiotherapists and patients evaluated Sunrise and existing non-contract frame

		<b>Sunrise Coopers 7758C</b>	<b>Roma 2511</b>	<b>Non-Contract Frames</b>
	Contract Price	£28.50 excl / £30.46 incl wheels	£37.08	£100 – £300+
1.	Dimensions			Spec purchased to meets Service Users Needs
	Height adjustability	810-990mm (32-39"	63-71 cm / 25-28"	
	Depth	600mm (23.5")	51 cm / 20"	
	Width open	740mm (29")	77 cm / 30"	
	Width folded	100mm (4")	Does not fold	
	Product weight	8.3kg	2 kgs / 4 lbs	
	Maximum User weight	227kg (35st)	318 kgs / 701 lbs	
2.	Ease of adjustment	Simple to adjust, standard mechanism for folding – familiar technique	None folding	
3.	Ease of folding e.g. catch	Simple mechanism to operate	Does not fold	
		Very easy		
4.	Weight limit	39 stone		Various
5.	Sturdiness	Appears stable under use	Robust	
6.	Manoeuvrability	Very easy to manoeuvre with wheeled option	Frame heavy compared with others evaluated	
		Had to pick up to turn a circle. Moved well over carpet	Less manoeuvrable than wheeled frame	

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7.	Positive comments	Ability to fold improves portability, easier to store as takes up less space.	Does not fold so difficult to transport and takes up more room to store	Ability to individually spec for service users needs
		Handles comfortable on wheeled frame.		
8.	Negative comments	Having adjustments on inside of legs makes a little more difficult to access than having on outside.	Handles less comfortable	Tend to be more expensive option due to non-contract purchase. Takes longer to deliver
		Rubbers on back legs squeak when pushing across laminate floor makes frame vibrate a little		
9.	Any other comments	Suitable for transporting in a vehicle with ease		
10	Overall preference	Preferred to un-wheeled frame	Preferred wheeled frame	
		Preferred to un-wheeled frame	Preferred wheeled frame	

It was agreed to add the Sunrise frame to contract