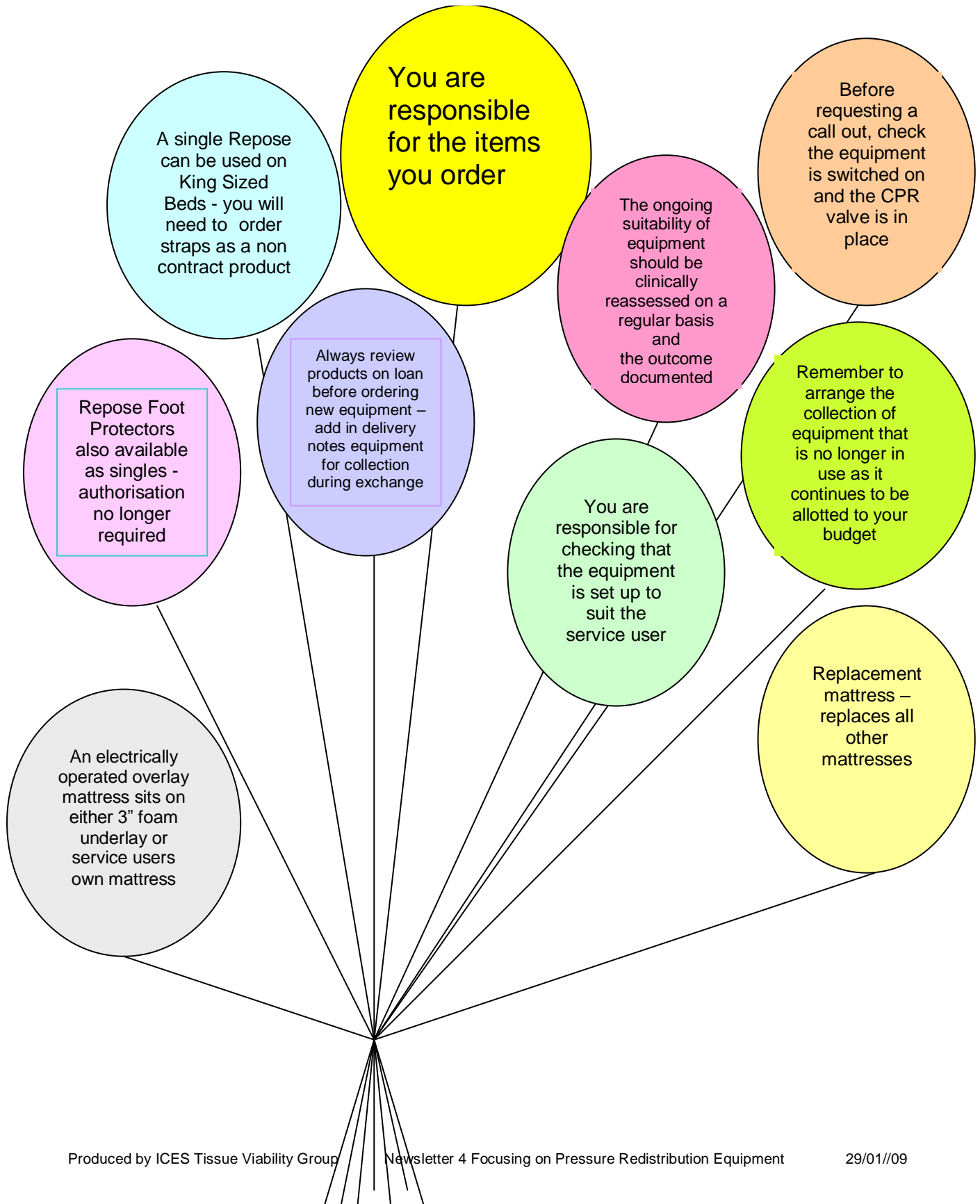


# Pressure Redistribution Information



# Cushions

## Cushions

Factors to consider when ordering electrically operated, very high risk cushions

- the position of the electric cable should be at the front as indicated in the manufacturers instructions. A risk assessment should be carried out to assess the potential for the patient/carer tripping over cables
- there is the potential for the pelvis to shift forward which may cause sacral sitting, increasing the risk of pressure ulcers and slipping off the chair/cushion
- the cushion needs to be set up by a clinician to suit the service user
- this type of cushion should only be considered if the service user has good sitting balance
- service users still need to be repositioned regularly

The Vicair is an alternative very high risk, pressure reducing cushion that is non-electric

If you do not require the cushion supplied with the phase and eclipse mattresses, please state on your requisition. The cushions will then be retained in the delivery bag at the service user's home.

To seek advice regarding cushions contact

Tissue Viability Team on  
North – Barbara Craven 07880 795907  
North - Heidi McMillan 07768 702191  
South – Anthea Baker 07766 504966

or Lead Practitioner ICES Team  
Judy Green 07825 402631

# Mattresses for Double Beds

**Waterlow Scores and Level of Risk Table**

At Risk	High Risk	Very High Risk
Waterlow Score 10+	Waterlow Score 15+	Waterlow Score 20+

Permalux – Fibre Filled and has **no** pressure relieving properties

Propad – Castellated foam overlay for service users assessed as being “At Risk” of developing pressure damage

Softform – High density foam mattress replacement for service users assessed as being “At Risk” of developing pressure damage

Memaflex – Visco elastic foam mattress replacement for service users assessed as being up to “High Risk” of developing pressure damage

Double Active – Half alternating cell and half foam mattress replacement for service Users assessed as being at “High Risk” of developing pressure damage. Please note the benefits of the double active are limited, due to the size of the alternating cell panel. This product is only available from the refurb section and requires authorisation via the Tissue Viability Team. It does not need to be submitted to non-contract equipment panel for products over £500.

**Please Note** – the only single mattress suitable for use on a double bed is the repose

# Care Home Provision

Please refer to the Provision of Equipment for Care Homes Document to confirm who is responsible for providing equipment. Orders should only be placed by the Continuing Care Teams.

Care Homes with nursing are responsible for providing up to and including alternating cell mattress overlays