



**CARE HOMES IN
DERBYSHIRE
AND
DERBY CITY**

Provision of Community Equipment for Care Homes in Derbyshire and Derby City

About this Document

- This document demonstrates a wide range of equipment that **may be** required, either for a short or longer period of time, by a person within a Care Home setting.
- Equipment used to support persons in care homes is subject to management under Controls Assurance standards for the “Management of Medical Devices”, all relevant legislation and guidance from the Medical Devices Agency.
- Standard 38 of the National Minimum Standards implies that the care home manager must ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of residents and staff. The registered manager will be expected to comply with relevant legislation.
- Provision of equipment should be based on an assessment of need with the assessor utilising recognised accredited tools and scales, clinical guidance /agreed local protocols.
- All staff assessing for equipment must be competent and confident, having received appropriate training.
- Assessment should be undertaken by a relevant professional/discipline. This **may** mean requesting input from specialist practitioners from either primary or secondary care settings.
- All specialist equipment used for the care and management of named persons will be subject to review. The frequency of the review should be detailed in the person’s care plan together with the name of the person responsible for the review.
- Specialist equipment should only be used for the person for whom it was originally prescribed.
- Where equipment has been provided to a care home and is no longer required by the person being cared for, it is the responsibility of the care home to notify the supplying agency immediately.
- The examples listed in the categories of equipment are not exhaustive and will be subject to review by the partner agencies.

In addition

All agencies recognise that effective equipment provision will: -

- Help persons maintain or regain their independence
- Support persons to live in the community and thus avoid un-necessary hospital admission
- Slow down deterioration in function
- Prevent further damage/disability

- Support and protect the health of its workforce

Item of Equipment	Care Home Setting		Comments
	Nursing	Non-Nursing	
For Administration of Medicine			
For administration of oral medicine, e.g. measures, medication boxes	CH	CH	Medication via prescription/chemist packs
For administration of rectal medication, e.g. gloves	CH	PCT	Prescription via GP or Nurse Prescriber
For administration of medication by injection including plastics	CH	PCT	
Syringe drivers and disposables e.g. for epidurals	PCT	PCT	See local arrangements

Bathing Equipment			
Range of Bath Seats/Boards	CH	CH	
Electric/Manual Bath Lift	CH	CH	
Range of Shower Chairs/Stools	CH	CH	

Beds					
General Beds – under risk management	CH		CH		
Standard Type/Electric Beds i.e. fixed/adjustable including profiling	CH		CH/ PCT	R	CH for general use/PCT if required by PCT staff to enable them to carry out nursing procedures following Risk Assessment and returned when not required
Specialist beds – e.g. for people with complex treatment and health care needs (e.g. Bariatric etc)	PCT	R	PCT	R	Through continuing care route for equipment

Bed Attachments			
Range of Backrests	CH	CH	
Rope Ladder	CH	CH	
Range of Bed Raisers	CH	CH	
Over Bed Trolley Table	CH	CH	
Lifting Pole	CH	CH	
Bedrails for Divan/Standard/Electric Bed	CH	CH	

Chair Raising & Seating					
Range of Standard Chairs/Seating/Raisers of variable heights to include recliners	CH		CH		
Adult Specialist Seating e.g. bespoke (tailor made) for people with complex treatment and health care needs	PCT	R	PCT /SS	R	Through continuing care route for equipment

Dressing Equipment – EDL			
Small Dressing Aids e.g. Stocking Aid/Tights Aid/Long Handles Shoe Horn	CH	CH	

Help with Feeding					
PEG Feeding Equipment (EL (95)5)	PCT	R	PCT	R	Provided by initiating trust
PEG Feeding Consumables	PCT	R	PCT	R	Provided by initiating trust
For Intravenous Feeding and Transfusion	PCT	R	PCT	R	Provided by initiating trust
Equipment e.g. Plate Accessories	CH		CH		
Range of Feeding Equipment	CH		CH		

Helping Hand	CH		CH		
Trolley	CH		CH		
Backrests to aid nutrition and hydration	CH		CH		
Item of Equipment	Care Home Setting				Comments
	Nursing		Non-Nursing		
Mobility Equipment					
Walking Stick	PCT		PCT		
Walking Frames	PCT		PCT		
Walking Frame Alpha	PCT	R	PCT	R	
Walking Frame Gutter	PCT	R	PCT	R	
Crutches	PCT		PCT		
Crutches	PCT		PCT		
Gutter Crutches	PCT		PCT		
Delta-Type Walker	PCT	R	PCT	R	
Rollator-Type Walker	PCT	R	PCT	R	
Heavy-Duty Mobility Equipment e.g. for bariatric patients	PCT	R	PCT	R	Through continuing care route for equipment

Wheelchairs	NB: Wheelchairs and accessories provided by wheelchair services for permanent and substantial usage				
Push Wheelchairs, Standard Transit Chairs and Standard Wheelchair Cushion	CH		CH		
Other Wheelchairs/Cushions and Specialist Seating	PCT	R	PCT	R	Local policies apply from Wheelchair Services

Ramps			
Ramps	CH	CH	Safety issue/DDA

Nursing Procedures			
Venepuncture			
Vacutainer Bottles for Blood Test	PCT	PCT	Via GP practice
Syringes and Needle	CH	PCT	
Catheterisation			
For Management of Catheterisation	CH	PCT	
Catheters and Bags	PCT	PCT	Prescription
Routine Procedures			
Testing Urine	CH	PCT	Prescription
Aseptic Procedures			
Equipment used to support Aseptic technique e.g. probes, scissors, gloves etc	CH	PCT	
Dressings e.g. for procedures related to aseptic and clean dressings	PCT	PCT	Prescription via GP or Nurse Prescriber

Patient Repositioning ⁵					
For Lifting and Manual Handling under Health & Safety At Work Act, e.g. Hoists, Slings, Transfer Boards, Glide Sheets, Turntables	CH		CH		
Hoists: Ceiling Tracks	CH		CH		
Hoists: Toileting	CH		CH		
Non-standard hoists e.g. for bariatric patients	PCT	R	PCT	R	Through continuing care route for equipment
Bespoke Sling	PCT	R	PCT/S S	R	i.e. manufactured bespoke for individual use (Provision to be determined between agencies) via Continuing Care
Standing Frames – for weight	PCT	R	PCT	R	Provided for ongoing

bearing to meet complex therapeutic need					therapeutic need through continuing care route
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Item of Equipment	Care Home Setting				Comments
	Nursing		Non-Nursing		
Prevention/Therapy and Management of Pressure Ulcers					
All beds and seats to have visco mattress/cushion as standard provision					
Foam mattress/cushion – up to high risk	CH		PCT		
Air Filled mattress/cushion – at risk	CH		PCT		
Alternating Overlay and Cushion – high risk	CH		PCT		
Dynamic Mattress/Cushion – very high risk	PCT	R	PCT	R	Continuing Care
Low Air Loss Replacement Mattress/Cushion – very high risk	PCT	R	PCT	R	Continuing Care – review as per clinical judgement and a minimum of annually face to face

Respiration/Routine Vital Sign Monitoring					
For Maintenance of Respiration e.g. Suction Units	CH		PCT	R	
Oxygen Cylinders and Masks	PCT		PCT		NHS policy applies Ordered via GP/FP10
Oxygen – Consumables	PCT		PCT		Ordered via local Health Clinic
Simple Nebulisers	CH		PCT		Via Respiratory Team
Non-Standard and Complex Nebulisers (e.g. for ENT, CPAP BIPAP)	PCT		PCT		Via Specialist Team
Thermometer and sphygmomanometer	CH		CH/PCT		Routine investigations carried out by care home, PCT staff as part of care plan
Backrests to aid respiration	CH		CH		

Sensory/Hearing			
Vibrating clocks	SS	SS	
Flashing Fire Alarms	CH	CH	Standard provision for registration
Flashing Door Bells	CH	CH	As above
Mini Comms	CH	CH	As above
Hearing Loops	SS	SS	To meet individual needs
Sensory/Visual			
Range of Canes	SS	SS	
Liquid level indicators	SS	SS	
Magnifiers, glasses	PCT	PCT	PCT fund DAB to provide Low Vision Aids

Toileting					
Fracture pan (bed-pan)	CH		CH		
Range of commodes: standard	CH		CH		
Toilet seats: standard raised 2", 4", 6"	CH		CH		
Urinals/bottles	CH		CH		
Urinals/bottles: non-return valves	CH		CH		
Continence pads	PCT		PCT		Provided by Continence Service
Non-Standard Commodes e.g. for people with complex treatment and health care needs i.e. bariatric	PCT	R	PCT	R	Through continuing care route for equipment

Key

R – Subject to review

Care Home responsibility to provide
Social Services responsibility to provide

PCT – health provider responsibility to provide i.e. PCT, initiating trust, FP10 etc

PCT Continuing Care Team