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Head office for Radcliffe Rehab is in Broxley. The team of reps have a wide skill mix, having worked with Kirton and Careflex in the past.

Repose C-Air Chair

Available in small, medium and large and can also be made to measure. The chair has multiple seating positions to aid pressure care management. The back can be provided as a flat back, waterfall or with lateral support.

Seat

The seat of the chair is removable. The vapour permeable seat cover is sewn with Velcro to the sides and rear which once pulled forward allows access to the seat area, to change the cover/cushion and maintain the seat area. The company offer four styles of pressure management systems – an alternative air cushion, a gel memory foam cushion, a manual air cushion and a memory foam cushion. Should a different style of cushion be required e.g. a contract cushion, the company will make a surround the size stated. All cushions are made in the U.K at Brierley Hill, West Midlands.

Footrest

Has memory foam in it. If lateral sides are required on the foot rest, these can be made to what height is required with pressure relief inside.

N.B memory foam is also inserted into the chair at the back of the knee.

Arms

Can be upholstered or have a wooden grip. The arms can be made removable at an extra cost of £120.00.

The weight limit of the chair is 21 stone

A Bariatric version is available.

Action

Standard 2 way single motor tilt in space allows foot rest to lift and the back to stay upright. Other mechanisms such as single and three way are available.

Approximate price of the chair is £2200 (alternating air cushion makes up £600 of the price). If a basic C-Air chair is required, as the service user is never going to need pressure relief then the Rimini provides the same features mentioned above but with a basic seat. Approximate price £1300.

The Encora – Kirton

This chair has an 'inteligel' seat which when tested; results were as high as that of the Rotto cushion. The chair is also available with a seat of gel or memory foam. This chair is aimed at filling a gap between a standard rise recline and more specialist seating. The chair is height adjustable, although it does not stand the person up it does tilt forward. Other features include seat depth adjustment and a reclining back. The footrest clips back allowing the person using the chair to get their ankles back further, thus assisting standing. At present, only available in a manual version. The head section of the back rest can be tilted forwards. The back rest can also be tilted forwards. The back rest can be changed for one with lateral supports which can also be moved forwards. Once the desired position has been achieved these can be bolted into position.

A foot board can be added increasing the price to £1790.

The chair is not width adjustable but it does come in standard width dimensions.

N.B the laterals are potentially difficult for the carer to adjust.

N.R.S

Air chair, manufactured by N.R.S.

A multi purpose high dependency chair accommodating low to medium risk users. The chair comprises flat memory foam with contoured foam over the top of this layer, creating a pocket of air, price £1780.

The benefits of this over pressure relief such as water or memory foam is that no heat build up is generated, reducing perspiration and associated risk of pressure ulcers. The wings open out; sides drop down allowing carers closer access. This is also a good feature for helping putting slings underneath a service user.

Other features include –

- Reclining back rest
- Tilting seat – reduces sitting pressure
- Adjustable calf rest
- Can be wiped clean
- Head pillow
- Lever on back wheels can be locked to allow the chair to only go in a straight line
- Back can be removed and if need be the memory foam inside altered to suit individual requirements

After any joint assessment between a Radcliffe Rehab member of staff and a clinician, details will be recorded and information put into writing regarding decisions made.

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