

## Referral Criteria for Wheelchair assessment

Referrals can be made to Airedale Hospital Mobility Services for a Wheelchair assessment when the patient meets the following criteria

- Registered with a GP within the Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group area including Bentham
- Lawfully entitled to reside in the UK and to receive NHS treatment for use in their own home
- The person must have an identified long term medical condition or palliative care needs requiring a wheelchair
- The person must also have a long term mobility problem and be classified as unable to, or virtually unable to walk indoors or outdoors. Long term is more than 6 months.

The service is primarily for daily indoor mobility covering significant periods of use. People who require a transit chair for occasional outdoor only use will not be eligible for an NHS wheelchair.

### Wheelchair services DO NOT PROVIDE

- For short term use (less than 6 months)
- Wheelchairs for occasional outside use only
- Wheelchairs to be used instead of armchairs or dining room chairs (static seating)
- Attendant pushed wheelchairs for general use by multiple people in a care or nursing home
- Wheelchairs for portering purposes for example transferring residents from room to room in a care or nursing home)
- Powered outdoor only wheelchairs
- Mobility scooters
- Wheelchairs specifically for work, education or sporting requirements
- Powered packs or powered wheels that are retro fitted to manual wheelchairs
- Seat raisers in powered wheelchairs
- Sunshades/ canopies for buggies unless required for specific medical need
- Trays unless required for postural support or independence as identified by wheelchair service on assessment.
- Transportation clamps for transportation purposes.
- Buggies for Children who can be accommodated in a standard retail buggy unless supportive seating is essential

The assessing clinician will identify the mobility and postural needs with the patient and their carers before deciding the most suitable provision.

Signposting to local suppliers and charitable organisations will be provided for any referrals which do not meet the eligibility criteria