

Conditions of Loan

Manual Wheelchairs and Buggies

The wheelchair and its accessories belong to the Wirral Wheelchair Service (part of Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust) and are loaned to you on the conditions below:

- You must read and abide by the instructions in the manufacturer's user manual given with the wheelchair
- It must only be used for carrying yourself
- It must be used for mobility purposes only and not in place of static seating
- It must not be used as a walking aid
- It is important that you only use the footrests, armrests and accessories supplied by the Wheelchair Service for your wheelchair. Using items from another wheelchair may result in an accident leading to injury
- It must be returned or given up for repair/inspection if we ask you to do so
- It must not be disposed of
- It must be kept clean and in good working order
- It must be protected from damage at all times
- It must not be altered eg make changes to paint work/structure of the wheelchair nor have any attachments fitted without our agreement as this could cause other problems such as making the wheelchair unstable
- It must not be used for impact/contact sports/activities eg Basketball, Football, Rugby, Weightlifting.
- You must allow Wheelchair Service staff to carry out review of provision
- It must be returned to us if requested to do so
- Wheelchairs provided by the service are not routinely tested or approved for the fitting of power packs, power assisted wheels or stair climbing devices. Individuals who wish to fit these **must ensure** the equipment is compatible and be fitted by a suitable qualified individual preferably the supplier of the power pack, power assisted wheels or stair climbing devices

We must be informed straight away if:

- The equipment is lost or damaged or involved in an accident (including when in a vehicle involved in a car crash)
- You change your name, address or telephone number
- If you move into Nursing/Residential/Shared Care we may need to review provision/your eligibility for equipment currently on issue
- You no longer need the equipment

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- There is a change or deterioration in your medical condition or the wheelchair no longer meets your needs (eg too big or too small)

Wheelchair Repairs

- If your wheelchair requires a repair, contact the authorised repairer immediately. **Note** - Using the wheelchair when it is in need of a repair could lead to failure and could cause injury. If the wheelchair is dangerous do not use it until it has been repaired
- Repair and maintenance costs will be paid by us, however you may be liable for any costs incurred due to misuse, neglect or loss
- If you leave the district for a holiday and the wheelchair needs repair the cost of repairs will be your responsibility.

If you cannot agree with any of the conditions in this leaflet please inform us straight away, (non notification implies full acceptance of these conditions). Failure to comply with these conditions may result in withdrawal of equipment.

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