

Community Equipment Provision in Care and Nursing Homes Policy		
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This policy applies to the current Community Equipment Service.

Devon Independent Living Integrated Service, or DILIS is the current service provider, re-commissioned in Spring 2015 to supply community equipment, minor adaptations, speech and language equipment and telecare.

1.Purpose

To ensure clarity of responsibility, for provision of equipment and supporting arrangements, for Homes, the Equipment Provider and Commissioners. The same principles will apply to privately owned and Devon County Council Residential and Nursing Homes.

2.Definitions

Primary Contractor

The contractor providing the community equipment on behalf of the Commissioners, currently DILIS, commissioned to supply community equipment, minor adaptations, speech and language equipment and telecare.

Commissioners

Devon County Council, NHS Northern Eastern Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (NEW Devon CCG), NHS South Devon and Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group (SD&TCCG)

Stock Equipment

Equipment within the DILIS Equipment Catalogue that has been agreed between the DILIS Operational Group and the Primary Contractor as being available at all times. For example,

standard profiling bed frames, pressure care mattresses and cushions, hoists, slings, bath lifts, mobility equipment, transfer sheets, toileting equipment etc.

Non Stock Equipment

DILIS Equipment not specified as Stock Equipment within the DILIS Equipment Catalogue and may be ordered on an ad hoc basis. For example a special bed frame or mattress or special item of mobility equipment.

Bespoke Equipment

Equipment or an adaptation that is custom made or adapted to meet the specific needs of a Service User. For example a custom made sling to suit an individual resident's needs only.

NHS Continuing Health Care (CHC)

A package of care that is arranged and funded solely by the NHS, for individuals who are not in hospital but have complex ongoing healthcare needs. □ □ □

3. Legislation and Context

Homes must have available suitable equipment to meet the needs of either the existing residents or any residents they choose to accept.

- The Department of Health (2004) "Community Equipment and Care Homes"
- The Department of Health (2003) "Care Homes for Older People National

Minimum Standards"

- The Care Standards Act (2000)
- National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care November 2012 (Revised)

4. Arrangements to support equipment provision to residential and nursing homes in Devon

Stock equipment from the DILIS Equipment Catalogue and nonstock equipment provided by the Primary Contractor will be available for hire. For stock items, this will be at the same cost as to the Commissioners, including delivery and collection, through private arrangement between the Homes and the Primary Contractor.

The Primary Contractor shall negotiate equipment hire costs for non stock equipment with the Homes.

The Primary Contractor shall deliver stock equipment (or non stock equipment if available) quickly if requested by the Homes, either during the same day or the next working day.

Where multiple items are hired, they shall be delivered as a single order and the Home will pay a single delivery or collection charge at the same cost the commissioners are charged which currently ranges from about £8 to £100 depending on the urgency and handling requirements.

The Primary Contractor will invoice the Homes directly and make all arrangements, including delivery and collections without recourse to the equipment service commissioners or their officers. The Homes may choose to hire or purchase equipment from any suitable market provider, not just the Primary Contractor.

If the resident is eligible for NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC), then the equipment requirements may be funded by CHC with prior agreement from the NHS manager responsible for funding the resident's CHC package of care.

Should the Home have a resident, or be considering accepting a resident, whose equipment needs exceed those that it would be reasonable for the Home to be able to meet (that is,

stock or non stock equipment will not meet their needs) and there is a requirement for a "bespoke" or made to measure piece of equipment to be used solely for a specific individual resident, consideration will be given to provision of that bespoke piece of equipment. This will only be considered following full needs led assessment by an Authorised Prescriber (an officer of the commissioners) and subject to the usual authorisation process. Should a piece of bespoke equipment be provided, the equipment will remain the property of the Commissioners and will be provided on loan, free of charge, to be used solely by the identified specific individual who has been assessed. Any need for repair or maintenance of the bespoke equipment, will be the responsibility of the Primary Contractor on behalf of the Commissioners. However, should such equipment no longer be required, the Home will be responsible for advising the Primary Contractor to arrange for immediate collection of the equipment. The equipment must not be used by another resident under any circumstances.