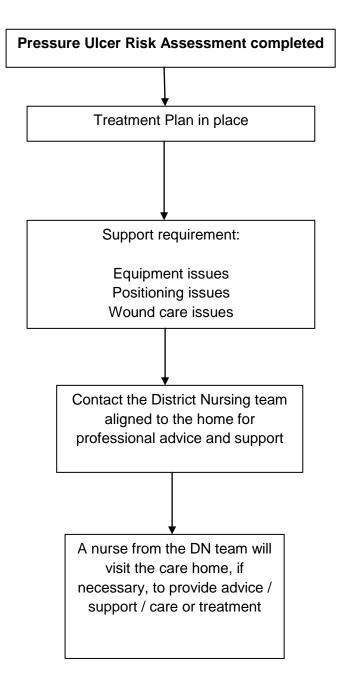


# CARE HOME PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION SUPPORT & EQUIPMENT PATHWAY

## Care Home Pressure Ulcer Professional Support Pathway



The Care Homes have a Protocol (COSLA / NHS Tayside) which they follow around equipment which states that there are certain levels of equipment expected to be provided by the home. This document is embedded below. It is possible for the NHS to supplement additional equipment as stated in the protocol - especially for some of the more specialist equipment. Nursing Homes require to access the JELS store directly to access equipment and not through the DN service.



This Protocol document contains tables highlighting what Pressure Ulcer prevention equipment the care homes can ask the NHS to supply. Examples of some of the relevant tables are added at the end of this document.

#### **NHS Equipment Supply**

The District Nursing Service follows the "Guidelines for Community Nurses for the assessment and provision of equipment"



The aim of this guidance is to support District Nursing staff to directly access equipment to meet the needs of adults with illness or disability that are cared for by the District Nursing Service in Perth and Kinross. This guidance aims to ensure patient centred, safe and effective care to support effective planning and organisation of care services. This guidance has been created by Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care partnership (District Nursing, Joint Equipment Loan Store JELS and Occupational Therapy Services)

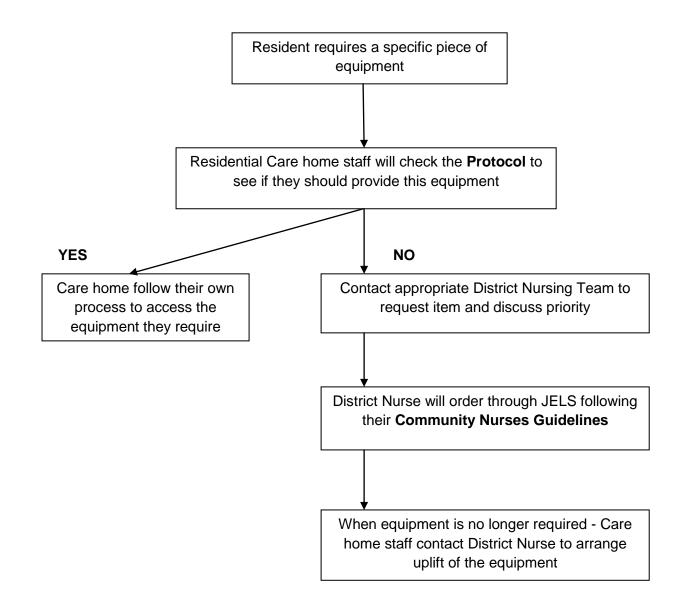
#### **Timescales for Delivery**

Store operating hours Mon-Friday 8.45am – 5pm Equipment is requested under four priorities for delivery on ELMS

- **Priority 1** Equipment will be delivered within 2 working days e.g. for patients with palliative care needs, pressure ulcers, hospital discharge or prevention of admission.
- Priority 2 Equipment will be delivered within 5 working days
- **Priority 3** Equipment will be delivered within 10 working days. For planned discharges over 1 week. Equipment can be ordered and delivery arranged once discharge date confirmed
- **Priority 4** Special order items requiring direct supplier order up to 6 weeks. Timescales for Delivery

### **NHS Responsibilities in Residential Care Homes**

The District Nurse will complete an assessment before each piece of equipment is ordered. Each piece of equipment is ordered against a residents name and should only be used for that person. When the equipment is no longer required the care home needs to notify the community nurse to arrange for the uplift of the equipment with the JELS store.



### Equipment Request Pathway for Residential Care Homes

Item of Equipment	Care Home Settings		Comments			
	Nursing	Residential				
Beds						
Standard range of beds	СН	СН	Subject to Health and Safety risk-management			
Standard hospital beds – variable height profiling	СН	See comments	Only in non-nursing settings after full risk assessment and supply via Community Nurse			
Standard electric profiling	СН	See comments	Only in non-nursing settings after full risk assessment and supply via Community Nurse			
Non-standard beds, e.g., for people with complex treatment and care needs. E.g. Eerton or bariatric beds	Primary Care	Primary Care	Assessment by community nurse			
Prevention Therapy and Management	of Pressure S	Sores				
Static Mattresses (requires no power source)						
Foam Overlay (e.g. Parkhouse Permapad) and Memory Foam Overlay (e.g. NP140 Hill Rom)	СН	СН				
Air Filled Overlay (e.g. Medical Frontier Repose, Roho)	СН	Primary Care Following Assessment by Community Nurse				
Foam Replacement (e.g. Permaflex)	СН	СН				
Dynamic Mattresses (requires power source)						
Overlay (e.g. Parkhouse Eclipse, Talley Quatro)	СН	Primary Care Following Assessment by Community Nurse				
Replacement (e.g. Nimbus Huntleigh, Parkhouse Elite)	СН	Primary Care Following Assessment by				

Item of Equipment	Care Hon	Community Nurse ne Settings	Comments			
	Nursing	Residenti al				
Patient Repositioning and Transfer						
Hoists, slings, transfer boards and glide sheets	СН	СН				
Bariatric hoists	Primary Care	Primary Care	Assessment by Community Nurse			
Non-standard sling	Primary Care	Primary Care	Assessment by Community nurse			
Standing turntable	СН	Primary Care Physio	Assessment by OT/Physio			
Standing frame	Primary Care Physio	Primary Care Physio	Assessment by Physio			

Pressure Reducing Cushions						
Static (requires no power source)						
Foam Overlay (e.g. Propad Invacare, Permaflex low profile, Parkhouse)	СН	СН				
Air Filled Overlay (e.g. Repose, Medical Frontier)	СН	Primary Care	Following Assessment by Specialist Community Nurse			
Foam Replacement (e.g. Flotech, Invacare)	СН	Primary Care	As above			
Dynamic (requires power source)						
Replacement (e.g. Parkhouse dynamic, Hill Rom Response)	СН	Primary Care	Following Assessment by Specialist Community Nurse			
Pressure relieving foot protectors (e.g. Repose, Medical Frontier) and elbow protectors	СН	See comments	Only after full risk assessment and Supply by Community Nurse			