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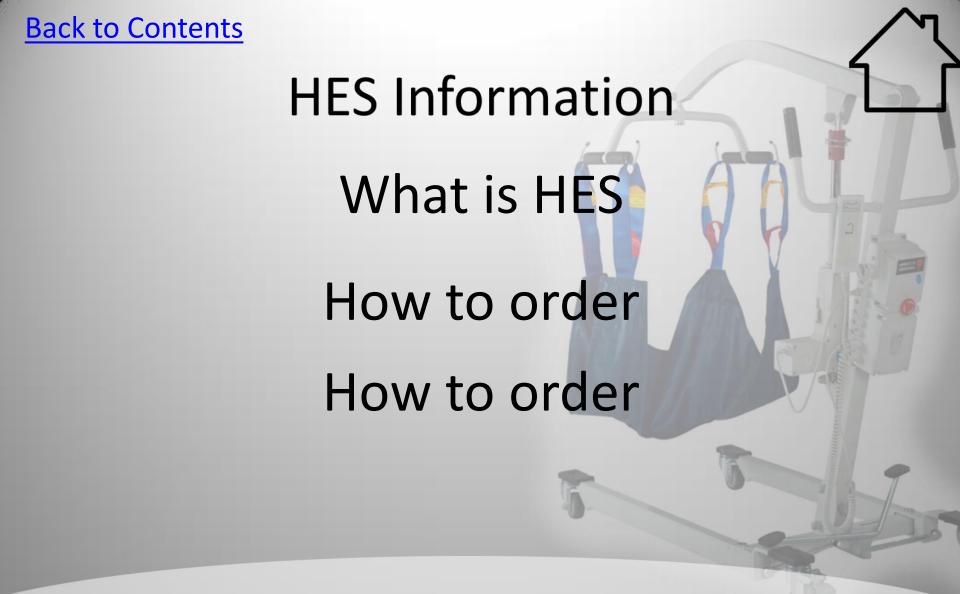


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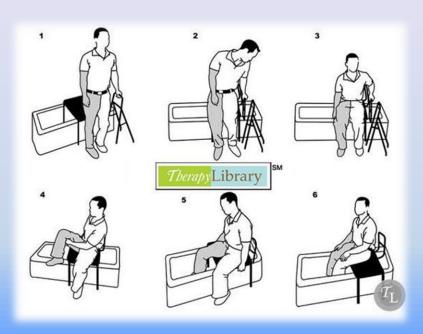




Personal Hygiene

Bathing

Showering









- · Criteria for Ioan
- · General considerations to be satisfied.
- Service user is unsafe to stand and step into the bath.
- Service user agrees following discussion
- Service user's seated trunk control is sufficient to support balance while lifting legs in/out of the bath.
- The edges of the bath have sufficient width between tiles and the inside edge of the bath to safely support the board (40mm).
- Service user does not already have satisfactory bathing/showering provision.









- Criteria for loan
- General considerations to be satisfied.
- Service user to be able to wash/shower from the seat.
- Not to be used if the intention is to reach the bottom of the bath.
- Service user can lift legs over the sides of the bath, independently or with minimal carer assistance.
- Service user does not already have satisfactory bathing/showering provision.
- Service User agrees following discussion



Bath Lift





- Criteria for Ioan
- · General considerations to be satisfied.
- Standard bath equipment (e.g. bath boards/seats/rails) have been tried or considered, and deemed inadequate or inappropriate by the prescriber.
- Other bath top equipment (e.g. swivel bather) has been considered and deemed inadequate or inappropriate by the prescriber.
- The service user is able to transfer onto the proposed equipment independently or with the assistance of a carer.
- The service user has a preference and/or a need for a full use of a bath as opposed to over bath shower.
- The equipment is likely to meet the service users' needs in the long term or a reasonable period if the service user has a terminal diagnosis.
- Bath lifts should not be issued as an interim solution pending a major adaptation.
- Service user does not already have satisfactory bathing/showering provision.

Start of Pathway







There is sufficient space in shower There is sufficient storage space

Piping in Walls is not an issue

Free Standing





Freestanding Shower Stool



Criteria for Ioan

- General considerations are satisfied.
- Service User agrees to use of the equipment following discussion

Points to consider

- Is there space in the shower for the stool
- If others use the shower, is there storage space outside the shower
- Weight limits



Wall Mounted Shower Stool





- Criteria for loan
- General considerations are satisfied.
- Service User agrees to use of the equipment following discussion
- Due to installation risks relating to pipes use a <u>standard shower stool</u> when possible.



Combined Commode/ Shower chair



Criteria for Ioan

- General considerations to be satisfied.
- Service user requires assistance to transfer on/off shower seat.
- Service user uses wheelchair for indoor mobility
- A level access shower is in situ or is approved and installation is planned.
- A static shower chair has been considered and deemed inadequate or inappropriate.
- Service User agrees to use of the equipment following discussion
- Service user does not already have satisfactory bathing/showering provision.



Modular Shower Chair





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- The person is unable to stand in a shower & needs additional support from arms/back/feet.
- Service User agrees to use of the equipment following discussion
- The person is unable to maintain a safe seating position in a standard shower chair.
- The person needs to shower regularly due to medical need or incontinence
- Service user agrees to loan following discussion
- General considerations have been satisfied
- A level access shower is in situ or is approved and installation is planned.
- A static shower chair has been considered and deemed inadequate or inappropriate.
- Service User agrees to use of the equipment following discussion
- Service user does not already have satisfactory bathing/showering provision.

Tilt-in-space Shower Chair





Start of Pathway



- The person is unable to stand in a shower & needs additional support from arms/back/feet.
- The person needs to shower regularly due to medical need or incontinence.
- The person is unable to maintain a safe seating position in a standard shower chair.
- The person needs to be hoisted in to the shower chair & this cannot be achieved in a standard upright shower chair.
- Discussions have been had with service user and they agree to loan.
- General considerations have been satisfied.
- Service User agrees to use of the equipment following discussion





Sit to Stand



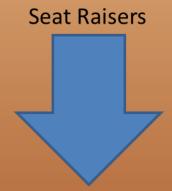
Seated Pressure Relief



Sit to Stand



Chair height inappropriate



Issues raising from seat



Seat Raisers





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Criteria for Ioan

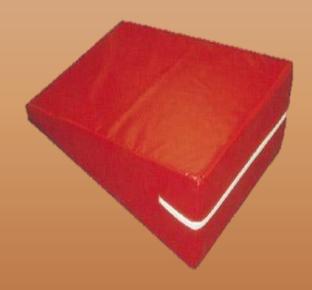
- The service user should be assessed as so substantially and permanently restricted in their mobility that functional ability is gained only from a chair with a seating lever higher than their current chair or an assisted lift.
- The service user would gain functional ability by the provision of suitable seating, or less strain would be put on the carer.
- The person needs additional assistance to rise from a low chair and their safety is being compromised.
- To alter angle of chair & promote pressure relief/ postural drainage
- The chair itself is not at the correct height.
- Service User agrees to the loan of the equipment following discussion .
- General considerations to have been satisfied.

Ladder Approach

- Alternative chair in users own home
- Fixed blocks should be considered first
 - Discuss whether service user would prefer to purchase correct height chair







- The person needs support to sit up in bed to meet their care, posture and/or pressure needs and their safety is being compromised.
- The person has a medical need which cannot otherwise be meet e.g. postural drainage, respiratory failure.
- The person needs to alter the angle of their seating to promote transfers or seating position posture.
- The person needs to raise their legs/ankles/feet for an identified medical reason.
- Service User agrees to use of the equipment following discussion
- General considerations have been satisfied.









Criteria for Ioan

- Service user requires extra assistance to rise from chair.
- General considerations have been satisfied.
- Foam wedge insufficient.
- Service user requires something to push off to stand.
- Existing chair only has one armrest.
 - Service User agrees to use of the equipment following discussion









- The person cannot rise from sit to stand position in order to mobilise and their safety is being compromised.
- The service user would gain functional ability by the provision of suitable seating.
- General considerations have been satisfied.
- Service User agrees to loan of the equipment following discussion



Chair Raiser- Electric Unit





Start of Pathway



Criteria for loan

- The person cannot rise from sit to stand position in order to mobilise and their safety is being compromised.
- The service user would gain functional ability by the provision of suitable seating
- Service User agrees to use of the equipment following discussion
- Standard seat raisers do not work.
- General considerations have been satisfied.

Points to Consider

- The chair to be modified must be stable and in reasonable condition.
- Only one chair or settee as preferred to be modified.
- If chair raisers are fitted, the service user should be informed not to move the chair.

Beds



Lying on a bed to seated

Seated to Lying

Standing to Seated

Seated to Standing

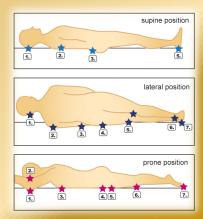








Pressure Care



Sliding Sheets







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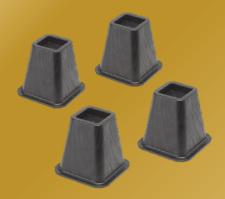
Types

- Slide Sheets
- Satin Sheets

- General considerations have been satisfied
- Service user agrees, following from discussions
- Carer is available
- Low pressure care needs
- Satin Sheets- Service user has to able to roll
- The person cannot rise from sit to stand position in order to mobilise and their safety is being compromised.
- The service user would gain functional ability by the provision of suitable seating.
- General considerations have been satisfied.
- Service User agrees to loan of the equipment following discussion

Bed Raisers





Types

- System raisers
- Blocks

- General considerations have been satisfied.
- The service user should be assessed as being so restricted in their functional ability that they are unable to transfer on/off bed at its current height.
- The service user would gain independent functional ability by the provision of a suitable raising unit, or that less strain would be put on a carer.
- The bed needs to be raised to allow a mobile hoist to be used to transfer the service user.
- Discussions with service user lead to agreement for loan
- Blocks must be considered before system raisers.
- Bed is suitable to be raised



Bed Rails





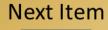
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Criteria for loan

- General considerations are satisfied
- Service user agrees to loan following discussions
- Service user has sufficient grip strength, trunk control, and ability to reach.

Points to Consider

- Bed rails should not be used as a restraint to prevent a service user from getting out of bed. Assistive technology support should be sought for service users who wander.
- 3rd party bed rails may not be compatible with other items of equipment fitted to a bed. A full assessment of all the service users' requirements relating to the bed should be undertaken, not just a bed rails assessment.
- Certain Types of pressure relief may require extra height bed rails.
- Installation of bed rails normally requires that the service user is NOT in the bed. In exceptional circumstances bed rails can be fitted to a community profiling bed while the occupant is in the bed.
- Cannot put a "parnel" on a privately purchased profiling bed
- HES will not deliver unless they receive confirmation and evidence that a proper risk assessment has taken place.











- General considerations are satisfied
- Service user agrees to loan following discussions









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Mattress Elevator





- General considerations to have been satisfied
- Service users function is not sufficient to sit up from lying without assistance and where no other equipment will meet this need.
- The service user's condition requires them to spend significant amounts of time in bed and they are unable to change position independently.
- The service user has sufficient balance and trunk control to use it safely.
- The provision of a mattress elevator/pillow lifter would diminish the amount of disturbance and/or strain experienced by the carer, where no other equipment will address this.
- Service user agrees to loan following a discussion



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Leg Lifter





- General considerations to be satisfied.
- The service user is unable to independently lift their legs onto the bed and other options have been considered and deemed inappropriate.
- The service user has sufficient sitting balance and trunk strength to maintain a sitting position while their legs are raised by the leg lifter.
- The service user is able to 'bottom shuffle' and can adjust their position onto the bed once their legs have been raised.
- Service user agrees to loan following a discussion.



Electric Leg Lifter





- General considerations to be satisfied.
- The service user is unable to independently lift their legs onto the bed and other options have been considered and deemed inappropriate.
- The service user has sufficient sitting balance and trunk strength to maintain a sitting position while their legs are raised by the leg lifter.
- The service user is able to 'bottom shuffle' and can adjust their position onto the bed once their legs have been raised.
- Service user agrees to loan following a discussion.
- Electric should only be loaned if service user lacks the ability to use the manual sling



Profiling Bed





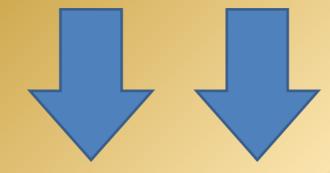
Criteria for loan

- The person requires a positioning bed to meet their care, posture and/or pressure needs and prevention of shear forces.
- The person has a medical need which cannot otherwise be meet e.g. postural drainage, respiratory failure
- Service user is in Last Days of Life and other solutions not applicable due to time.
- Short term solution to enable hospital discharge
- Bariatric units only available if service user is over [insert weight here] or approved by a specialist moving and handling advisor in HES. Personal comfort is not a criteria for loan of bariatric units.
- Enables independent transfers where other solution would not e.g. for wheelchair users
- Service User agrees to use of the equipment following discussion .
- General considerations have been satisfied.

Bariatric unit needed Risk of wandering

Risk of rolling/falling

Start of Pathway







Bariatric Profiling Bed





Start of Pathway



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- Enables independent transfers where other solution would not e.g. for wheelchair users
- Service User agrees to use of the equipment following discussion
- General considerations have been satisfied.

Low Profiling Bed





Start of Pathway



- The person requires a positioning bed to meet their care, posture and/or pressure needs and prevention of shear forces.
- Risk of wandering.
- The person has a medical need which cannot otherwise be meet
 e.g. postural drainage, respiratory failure.
- Height adjustable bed is required to support carers (informal and/or formal) and/or may reduce or remove care package.
- Service user is in Last Days of Life and other solutions not applicable due to time.
- Short term solution to enable hospital discharge.
- Bariatric units only available if service user is over [insert weight here] or approved by a specialist moving and handling advisor in HES. Personal comfort is not a criteria for loan of bariatric units.
- Enables independent transfers where other solution would not e.g. for wheelchair users
- Service User agrees to use of the equipment following discussion.
- General considerations have been satisfied.

Ultra-Low Profiling Bed





Start of Pathway



- Service user is at risk of rolling/falling out of bed and needs to be lowered to floor to avoid this
- The person requires a positioning bed to meet their care, posture and/or pressure needs and prevention of shear forces.
- The person has a medical need which cannot otherwise be meet
 e.g. postural drainage, respiratory failure
- Height adjustable bed is required to support carers (informal and/or formal)
- Service user is in Last Days of Life and other solutions not applicable due to time.
- Short term solution to enable hospital discharge
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- Enables independent transfers where other solution would not e.g. for wheelchair users
- Service User agrees to use of the equipment following discussion.
- General considerations have been satisfied.

Manual Handling Belt







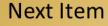
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Turning aid





- General considerations to be satisfied.
- Assessment by a qualified clinician (Clinician has identified that the carer/service user is at risk while completing essential transfers).
- Service user has consistent standing tolerance / weight bearing.
- Service user is able to hold onto the handle and able to maintain posture throughout the manoeuvre.





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Transfer aid





- General considerations to be satisfied.
- Assessment by a qualified clinician (Clinician has identified that the carer/service user is at risk while completing essential transfers).
- Service user has consistent standing tolerance / weight bearing.
- Service user is able to hold onto the handle and able to maintain posture throughout the manoeuvre.



Standing Hoist





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- General considerations are satisfied
- Service User agrees to use of the equipment following discussion
- Carer available and capable to use.
- Service user must be able to weight bear to use standing slings
- The service user is confined to a chair/wheelchair or bed and is unable to make independent transfer and/or weight bear, or their ability fluctuates such as weight bearing is unpredictable.
- A carer has been assessed by a qualified clinician to be at risk using their present method of transfer or an agency carer is deemed to be at risk following a risk assessment.
- The service user is using unsafe transfer methods.
- There is adequate space within the room/property to allow for appropriate manoeuvrability when using the hoist.
- The carer is able to manoeuvre the hoist, given the type of floor covering and/or threshold, and is able to apply slings correctly.
- The chair and bed can interface with the hoist immediately or after reasonable modification.
- The hoist is to be used as a means of transfer, not to transport the client from room to room.
- Prescriber is able to give a demonstration on operating (see manual handling policy).

Foam Overlay



Criteria for Loan

- The service user has been fully assessed by a practitioner whom has clinically indicated the use of this therapy in the prevention of pressure ulceration
- The service user has evidenced risk of developing pressure damage
- Carers, informal and formal, are instructed on use by a health practitioner.

Waterlow Score: 10-14

Ulcer Category: 1,2

- General considerations have been satisfied
- Service User agrees to use of the equipment following discussion



Air Overlay





- The service user has been fully assessed by a practitioner whom has clinically indicated the use of this therapy in the prevention of pressure ulceration
- The service user has evidenced risk of developing pressure damage
- Carers, informal and formal, are instructed on use by a health practitioner.
- General considerations have been satisfied
- Service user agrees to use of equipment following discussion
- Waterlow Score: 15-20
- Ulcer Category: 1,2



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Air-Replacement Mattress





Criteria for Ioan

- The service user has been fully assessed by a practitioner whom has clinically indicated the use of this therapy in the prevention of pressure ulceration
- The service user has evidenced risk of developing pressure damage
- Carers, informal and formal, are instructed on use by a health practitioner.
- General considerations have been satisfied
- Service user agrees to use of equipment following discussion
- Waterlow Score: 15-20
- Ulcer Category: 1,2

Start of Pathway



Foam Cushion





Criteria for Ioan

- The person cannot rise from sit to stand position in order to mobilise and their safety is being compromised.
- The service user would gain functional ability by the provision of suitable seating
- Service User agrees to use of the equipment following discussion
- Standard seat raisers do not work.
- General considerations have been satisfied.

Points to Consider

- The chair to be modified must be stable and in reasonable condition.
- Only one chair or settee as preferred to be modified.
- If chair raisers are fitted, the service user should be informed not to move the chair.



Air Cushion





Next Item



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- General considerations have been satisfied.

Points to Consider

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- Only one chair or settee as preferred to be modified.
- If chair raisers are fitted, the service user should be informed not to move the chair.

Alternating Air Cushion





Start of Pathway



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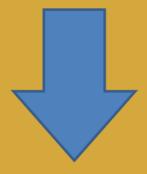
Pressure Care



Seated Pressure Relief

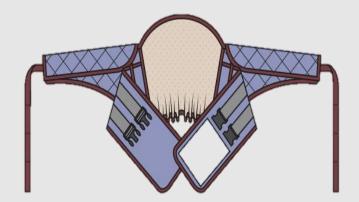


Pressure Relief in Bed



Chest Sling





Criteria for Ioan

- Service user meets criteria for a hoist (see hoist criteria).
- Assessment has been undertaken by a qualified clinician.
- The person needs to be transferred/repositioned using a hoist/stand aid.
- Standard or universal slings should be explored and excluded before progressing to more specialist slings.
- Second slings maybe required due to continence, bathing, and transfer surfaces/ locations (slings should follow service user between location unless for children at school).
- Service user agrees to loan following discussions.
- Length of time and frequency of use.
- General considerations have been satisfied.



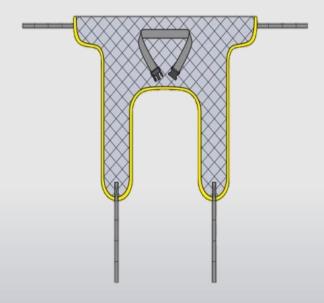
Additional Items

Intermediate/ unreliable weight bearing capacity

Service User cannot tolerate being lifted under the shoulders.

Transport Sling

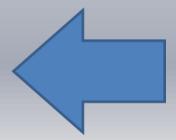




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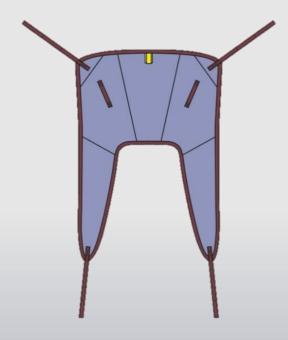
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- Service user agrees to loan following discussions.
- Length of time and frequency of use.
- General considerations have been satisfied.
- Intermediate/unreliable weight bearing capacity

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Comfort Sling

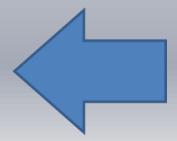




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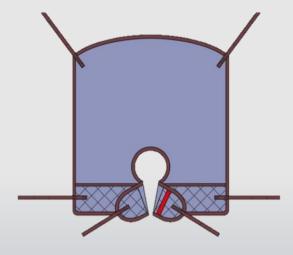
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Standard Sling



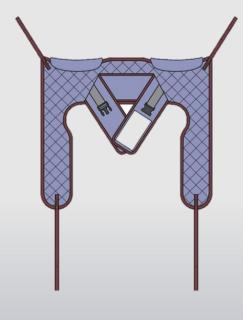


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- Service user agrees to loan following discussions.
- Length of time and frequency of use.
- General considerations have been satisfied.
- Service user is not weight bearing





Toileting Sling



Criteria for loan

- Service user meets criteria for a hoist (see hoist criteria).
- Assessment has been undertaken by a qualified clinician.
- The person needs to be transferred/repositioned using a hoist/stand aid.
- Standard or universal slings should be explored and excluded before progressing to more specialist slings.
- Second slings maybe required due to continence, bathing, and transfer surfaces/ locations (slings should follow service user between location unless for children at school).
- Service user agrees to loan following discussions.
- Length of time and frequency of use.
- General considerations have been satisfied.
- Service user is not weight bearing

Risk with head support/ Application and Tissue

Head support needed less trunk control Viability issues







Sling with head support





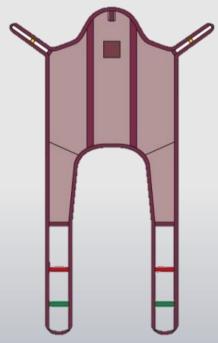
Start of Pathway



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- Service user agrees to loan following discussions.
- Length of time and frequency of use.
- General considerations have been satisfied.
- Service user is not weight bearing

High Backed Sling





Start of Pathway



- Service user meets criteria for a hoist (see hoist criteria).
- Assessment has been undertaken by a qualified clinician.
- The person needs to be transferred/repositioned using a hoist/stand aid.
- Standard or universal slings should be explored and excluded before progressing to more specialist slings.
- Second slings maybe required due to continence, bathing, and transfer surfaces/ locations (slings should follow service user between location unless for children at school).
- Service user agrees to loan following discussions.
- Length of time and frequency of use.
- General considerations have been satisfied.
- Service user is not weight bearing.
- Risk with head support/ less trunk control

Padded and Slip Easy Sling





Start of Pathway



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- Assessment has been undertaken by a qualified clinician.
- The person needs to be transferred/repositioned using a hoist/stand aid.
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- Second slings maybe required due to continence, bathing, and transfer surfaces/ locations (slings should follow service user between location unless for children at school).
- Service user agrees to loan following discussions.
- Length of time and frequency of use.
- General considerations have been satisfied.
- Service user is not weight bearing.
- Application and Tissue Viability issues





Slings for use with Standing Hoist



Slings for use with Mobile Hoist

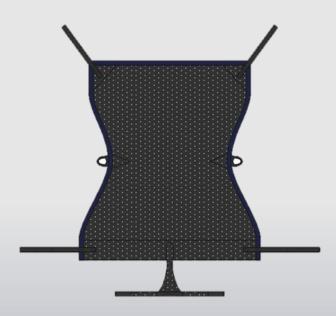


In Chair Slings

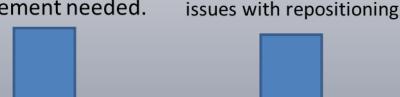


Standard In-Chair Sling





Leg pressure and pain management needed.



Full support needed /

- Service user meets criteria for a hoist (see hoist criteria).
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- The person needs to be transferred/repositioned using a hoist/stand aid.
- Standard or universal slings should be explored and excluded before progressing to more specialist slings.
- Second slings maybe required due to continence, bathing, and transfer surfaces/ locations (slings should follow service user between location unless for children at school).
- Service user agrees to loan following discussions.
- Length of time and frequency of use.
- General considerations have been satisfied.
- Service user is not weight bearing.
- Frequent transfers and frequent use

In Chair Sling w/Leg Split





Start of Pathway



Criteria for Ioan

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- Standard or universal slings should be explored and excluded before progressing to more specialist slings.
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- Service user agrees to loan following discussions.
- Length of time and frequency of use.
- General considerations have been satisfied.
- Service user is not weight bearing.
- Frequent transfers and frequent use
- Leg pressure and pain management needed.

Please Note:

Sling has toilet aperture

In Chair Sling with extensor loops





Start of Pathway

- Service user meets criteria for a hoist (see hoist criteria).
- Assessment has been undertaken by a qualified clinician.
- The person needs to be transferred/repositioned using a hoist/stand aid.
- Standard or universal slings should be explored and excluded before progressing to more specialist slings.
- Second slings maybe required due to continence, bathing, and transfer surfaces/ locations (slings should follow service user between location unless for children at school).
- Service user agrees to loan following discussions.
- Length of time and frequency of use.
- General considerations have been satisfied.
- Service user is not weight bearing.
- Frequent transfers and frequent use.
- Full support needed and issues with repositioning.

