

Seating Pathway

Seating need	Considerations	Equipment solutions
<p>Service user cannot get on and off chair</p>	<p>Check seat dimensions are appropriate for the person (see seating guidelines)</p> <p>Is this a short term or long term problem?</p> <p>Consider physio/ rehab referral</p>	<p>Check if service user has got an alternative chair that is a better fit, or encourage service user to buy or rent an appropriately sized chair.</p> <p>If static chair needs to be higher order relevant chair raisers using retail model prescription.(not suitable for recliners)</p> <p>If powered lift is required order a Macnish chair raiser (to be fitted to users own static chair) from the Community Equipment store.</p> <p>See prescriber guidelines www.devon.gov.uk/ces-catalogue</p>
<p>Service user has waterlow score which indicates risk of skin breakdown.</p>	<p>Check seat dimensions and shape to encourage even weight distribution (see seating guidelines)</p> <p>Consider if dimensions and weight distribution will change with additional pressure cushion in position.</p>	<p>Select /order static pressure cushion that will not compromise recommended seat dimensions.</p> <p>If the addition of a cushion will reduce good seated position or weight distribution, request seating assessment from OT.</p> <p>Consider referral to tissue viability service.</p>
<p>Seating position is leading to any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of falling from the chair. • Sliding forward on seat. • Cannot sit unsupported in the chair, or is developing problems with posture due to chair position. 	<p>Check seat angles and dimensions (see seating guidelines)</p>	<p>Request OT assessment to look at; Seating position to consider posture, function and comfort.</p> <p>Use of alternative chair in service user's home that may be a better size for posture and comfort.</p> <p>Encourage service user to buy or rent an appropriately sized chair.</p> <p>Use of chair raisers from retail model prescription to improve dimensions of existing chair.</p> <p>Use of support system on existing chair to improve dimensions.</p> <p>Specialist seating provision see ces prescriber guidelines www.devon.gov.uk/ces-catalogue</p>
<p>Service user is sleeping in the chair</p>	<p>Consider length of time service user is in the chair and relate it to skin integrity and position.</p> <p>Look at bed access issues.</p>	<p>Request OT assessment to consider chair position and night time equipment alternatives.</p> <p>If bed is accessible but service user has chosen to sleep in a chair encourage them purchase privately or hire appropriately sized chair</p>