# Criteria for the Provision of an Attendant Controlled Manual Wheelchair (AC)[[1]](#footnote-1)

Patients must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the provision of an attendant controlled manual wheelchair:

1. Are permanently limited in their mobility[[2]](#footnote-2).

2. Derive significant improvement in their quality of life through the provision of an attendant controlled manual wheelchair.

3. Have access to an environment which is compatible with the proposed use of the wheelchair.

**Exclusion**

Wheelchair Centres are not obliged to provide attendant controlled manual wheelchairs to patients resident in care homes, hospital wards and similar establishments unless their needs cannot be met by the standard wheelchair.

**Note A**. Standard in this case is defined as stock chair (Uni, Access, Ben 9, etc) with seat sizes in the range from 15” x16” to 19” x 17”. Also Action 3 and Action 3 Junior with seat sizes in the range from 10” x 10” to 19” x 17”.

**Note B**. Long Term Care facilities are normally expected to provide attendant propelled wheelchairs as part of their equipment for shared use by residents and carers.

1. Based on the Scotland wide criteria (Version 09/02/99). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Should be interpreted as long term to their mobility of usually not less than 6 months. The service does not provide specialist equipment for immediate post-surgery unless required for a period of more than 6 months. If an existing wheelchair service user requires short-term changes to their provision post-surgery, or otherwise, then the service will work with the responsible clinical team to adapt their current provision if possible. The service will not provide a temporary wheelchair as this is the responsibility of the clinical service undertaking the surgery or otherwise. In exceptional circumstances, the service will review complex cases to ensure that the clinical and wheeled mobility needs of existing patients are not negatively impacted. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)