Criteria for the Provision of Second Wheelchairs[[1]](#footnote-1)

In general, the Scottish Wheelchair Service aims to meet the primary clinical, social, and mobility needs of its patients with one wheelchair.

Exceptions to this rule are made for a small proportion of patients where there is a specific need for a second wheelchair. The large majority of these exceptions relate to the provision of a basic manual wheelchair as a back up to a powered wheelchair. Another example is a patient who has a second floor to their residence may receive a basic manual wheelchair for use upstairs.

The second wheelchair is considered of secondary importance and is of a more basic and simpler type than the primary issue.

**Exclusion**

Wheelchairs required specifically for use in educational or vocational establishments are considered to be the responsibility of the relevant establishment.

1. Based on the Scotland wide criteria (Version 04/09/00). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)