Seating and Wheelchair Modifications in Your Non-NHS Wheelchair

Your special seating system and/or wheelchair modifications have been supplied to you for use in your non-NHS wheelchair. As an NHS service our role in modifying non-NHS wheelchairs is limited. Our policy on modifications made to your non-NHS wheelchair is summarised below.

1. Ownership of the wheelchair remains with you, or if it was purchased for you by another agency, ownership remains with that agency unless transferred to you.
2. Ownership of any other items which were purchased by yourself, or any agency acting on your behalf, which were required for the modification also remain with you or the agency.
3. Ownership of any parts provided by the NHS remains with the NHS.
4. The NHS will not service and maintain parts of the wheelchair that have not been modified.
5. You undertake to ensure that your non-NHS wheelchair is adequately maintained and repaired in accordance with its manufacturer’s instructions.
6. You undertake to advise the service of any maintenance or repairs required to the NHS-provided modifications as soon as possible.
7. You undertake to advise the service changes to your clinical need that may affect the suitability of the NHS-provided modifications or your non-NHS wheelchair as soon as possible.

If future modifications or changes are required to your current non-NHS wheelchair or if you are considering purchasing another one then please note the following:

1. Before accepting the work, the service will decide if the required modification(s) is/are clinically appropriate. This will involve an initial discussion, meeting, or assessment, where the following course of action may occur:

* an agreement will be made to modify the wheelchair or device, or
* a recommendation will be made, or
* the work will be refused.

1. The user/outside agency will be expected to purchase the wheelchair or device to be modified plus any other items which are necessary for the modification. All items must be CE-marked and meet all MDD/MHRA requirements and should be available before work commences.

**IMPORTANT:** To summarise, we are able to assess for modifications to non-NHS wheelchairs, but we are not able to make modifications if the wheelchair itself is not clinically appropriate and/or the required equipment is available from the wheelchair manufacturer/provider or if it is in addition to (and not instead of) NHS provision.