

Non Postural Support Buggy Pathway

Guidance for Referrers

Please read the fact sheet “Mobility device for Children with Autism spectrum disorder – A fact sheet” and discuss with families prior to referral. Within the ‘The Top Tips’ section there are alternative solutions and strategies which should be trialled prior to deciding if a mobility device is appropriate for a child.

If it is felt that alternative solutions have been tried unsuccessfully, this evidence can be used in the referral to request provision or assessment from CYPWSS. We will provide the **most suitable** device for the child but cannot make the decision in a short assessment appointment as to whether mobility device provision is appropriate for the child. This is the decision of the referrer.

For children under 3 years of age, an off the shelf buggy is more suitable and can have up to 22kg in weight limit, which will also have recline for napping. These can be purchased online or in any standard buggy store by the family.

Over 4.5 years of age a buggy is often too small, becomes a tipping risk, and a wheelchair is often safer and more suitable in size.

Pathway from referral

Once referral is received by the service the pathway is as follows. Parents expectations are to be managed that it is the role of wheelchair service to determine the most safe and usable device to be provided. I.e. Buggy or Wheelchair.

