



Equipment Hire

Factsheet No. 5

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Sometimes equipment is needed, but not on a long term basis. For example if you or a relative are being discharged from hospital; or if a friend/relative with a disability comes to stay.

In that case hiring equipment can be a quick solution and there are quite a few options, both with regards to type of equipment and provider.

This factsheet offers a list of suppliers, grouped according to the type of equipment they provide. The first category are suppliers that hire out a range of equipment, including powered wheelchairs and scooters. The second category are providers that hire out manual wheelchairs.

A Range of Equipment

British Red Cross

Provides a range of equipment.
Contact National Office or look in
Yellow Pages for your local branch.
UK Office, 44 Moorfields, London,
EC2Y 9AA, **Tel: 0845 331 3331**
www.redcross.org.uk

City Mobility

Hires out manual and powered
wheelchairs and scooters.
267 Southwark Park Road,
Bermondsey, London SE16 3TP
Tel: 020 7394 0591
www.citymobility.co.uk

DIAL Great Yarmouth

Hire service for manual wheelchairs
for adults and children, commodes
and walking frames.
Beacon House, Northgate Hospital,
Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth,
Norfolk NR30 1BU, **Tel: 01493 337 650**

www.dial-greatyarmouth.org.uk

Direct Mobility Hire

Hire out products across the range:
Beds, chairs, scooters, wheelchairs
Warren House, 201a Bury Street,
Edmonton, London, N9 9JE
Tel: 0800 092 9322
www.directmobility.co.uk

Helpful Hand

Hire service for wheelchairs, scooters,
starlifts, walking aids etc.
2 Chester Road, Macclesfield,
Cheshire SK10 1AU
Tel: 01625 424 438
www.thehelpfulhand.fsnet.co.uk

Independent Living Company

Hires a wide range of equipment.
11 Hale Hill, Mill Hill, London NW7
3NU, **Tel: 020 8931 6000**
www.independent-living.co.uk

Midland Mobility

Hire out manual and powered wheelchairs and commodes.
194 Torrington Avenue, Tile Hill,
Coventry CV4 9BL, **Tel: 024 7646 2424**
www.midlandmobility.co.uk

Mobility Hire Ltd.

Hire service for manual and powered wheelchairs as well as scooters
47 Gresham Road, Worcester, WR2
5QR, **Tel: 0800 783 4687**
www.dgpharmacy.co.uk/hire

All Handling (Movability) Ltd

Hire of scooters, manual and powered wheelchairs
Mobility House, 492 Kingston Road,

Raynes Park, SW20 8DX

Tel: 020 8542 2217
www.movability.com

Plymouth Disabled Living

Hire service for manual wheelchairs, portable hoists and scooters.
Unit B, Huxley Close, Newham
Industrial Estate, Plymton PL7 4JN
Tel: 01752 342 666
www.plymouthindependentliving.org.uk

Ross Care Centre

Hires out a range of equipment.
2-3 Westfield Road, Wallasey,
Merseyside L44 7HX
Tel: 0151 653 6200

Manual Wheelchairs

Additional Aids Mobility

80 High Street, Whitton, Twickenham
TW2 7LS **Tel: 0208 755 0022**
www.aamobility.co.uk

AJ Engineering Mobility Ltd.

Unit 17, North Crescent, Diplocks
Way, Halyham, East Sussex BN27 3JF,
Tel: 01323 847 250
www.ajmobility.co.uk

Atwell Dean Associates

169 Shirley Road, Croydon, Surrey
CR0 8SS, **Tel: 020 8656 4627.**

Carters Ability

112 High Street, Northwood,
Middlesex HA6 1BJ,
Tel: 01923 825 753

Cory Pharmacy Ltd.

166-168 High Road, East Finchley,
London N2 9AS, **Tel: 0208 444 7464**

Cox Orthopaedic Ltd.

108 Whitechapel Road, London
E11DJ, **Tel: 0207 247 1178**

Disability Network 64-66 Bickerstaffe
Street, St. Helens WA10 1DH,
Tel: 01744 451 215

Five Towns Care Centre

93 Liverpool Road, Stoke-on-Trent,
Staffordshire ST4 1AE,
Tel: 01782 744 1485

GBL Wheelchair Services

South Coast Showroom, Courtwick
Lane, Littlehampton, West Sussex
BN17 7RN, **Tel: 01903 733 528**
Unit 12, Mount Road Ind. Est.,
Hanworth, Middlesex, TW13 6AR
Tel: 020 8867 2461
www.gblwheelchairs.com

Hertfordshire Action on Disability

Woodside Centre, The Commons,
Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire
AL7 4DD, **Tel: 01707 384 260**
www.hadnet.co.uk

Keep Able

3/4 Sterling Park, Pedmore Hill, Brierly

Before you hire

Your local social services and the NHS has a duty to provide equipment to those who need it, so before spending money hiring equipment, you should contact your GP or Social Services.

Your GP can refer you to get an assessment for mobility aids.

Social Services can arrange an OT assessment for any daily living aids in your home and any possible alterations.

Neither NHS and Social Services can provide equipment at short notice, so if your need is urgent, hiring can be a good short term solution.

The Disability Foundation
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Stanmore, Middlesex,
HA7 4LP
Tel: 020 8954 7373
Fax: 020 8954 7414
Minicom: 020 8954 7413
info@tdf.org.uk
www.tdf.org.uk



Road, West Midlands, DY5 1TB

Tel: 08705 202122

Miller Mobility

Owler Ings Road, Brighouse HD6 1EH,

Tel: 01484 721 772

Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People

Bridge Court Resource Centre, Brent Way, Dartford, Kent DA2 6DA, **Tel: 01372 841100**

The Wheelchair Centre

229 Droylsden Road, Audenshaw, Manchester M34 5ZT, **Tel: 0161 370 2661**

Things to Consider

Before you take out a contract to hire a piece of equipment there are a few things you might consider:

- Does the company provide a delivery/collection service, and do they charge for this?
- Do you need to pay a deposit?
- Do you need to take out insurance and if so, is it included in the price?
- Who is responsible for maintenance, e.g. if you have a puncture or the equipment breaks down?
- Are you able to take the equipment abroad with you, e.g. on holiday, and will this mean additional charges or an increase in deposit?
- When hiring a powered wheelchair/scooter or any other powered piece of equipment, make sure that the person delivering it can show you how to use it.
- Is the wheelchair/scooter narrow enough to fit through the doors?
- Will you need a ramp to get the wheelchair/scooter through the front or back door?
- If you are hiring a scooter, is it most important that it is very stable (especially if your balance is a bit off). Also consider if you can pack it in a car.

For more information and a list of equipment stockists throughout the country contact the **Disabled Living Foundation, 0845 130 9177**, www.dlf.org.uk