



## 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: 0870 170 7000**  
[www.redcross.org.uk](http://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**

#### **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**

#### **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](http://www.directmobility.co.uk)

#### **Helpful Hand**

Hire service for wheelchairs, scooters, stairlifts, walking aids etc.  
2 Chester Road, Macclesfield,  
Cheshire SK10 1AU  
**Tel: 01625 424 438**  
[www.thehelpfulhand.fsnet.co.uk](http://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](http://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 7647 1124**

**Mobility Hire Ltd.**

Hire service for manual and powered wheelchairs as well as scooters  
47 Gresham Road, Worcester, WR2  
5QR, **Tel: 0800 962436**  
[www.mobilityhire.com](http://www.mobilityhire.com)

**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](http://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**

**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**

**AJ Engineering Mobility Ltd.**

Unit 17, North Crescent, Diplocks Way, Hailsham, East Sussex BN27 3JF,  
**Tel: 01323 847 250**  
[www.ajmobility.co.uk](http://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 835 753**

**Clarke & Partners Ltd.**

76-136 Edmund Road, Sheffield S2 4EE, **Tel: 01142 755 000**

**Cory Pharmacy Ltd.**

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

**Cox Orthopaedic Ltd.**

108 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1DJ, **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, Unit 3, Minster Court, Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton, West Sussex BN17 7RN,  
**Tel: 01903 733 528**  
[www.gblwheelchairs.com](http://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](http://www.hadnet.co.uk)

### **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**  
RNOH, Brockley Hill  
Stanmore, Middlesex,  
HA7 4LP  
Tel: 020 8954 7373  
Fax: 020 8954 7414  
Minicom: 020 8954 7413  
info@tdf.org.uk  
www.tdf.org.uk



### **Keep Able**

278-280, Gloucester Road, Horfield, Bristol BS7 0PD,  
**Tel: 01179 246 620**

### **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: 01322 229 820**

### **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](http://www.dlf.org.uk)