

Joint Community Equipment streamlined pathways

SCENARIO 1 (Nurse referral for equipment for discharge)

Mrs Docherty is being discharged from hospital:

- Her condition has deteriorated while she has been in hospital and as a result she will need an electric profiling bed with mattress, and hoist to support her care when she returns home.
- Following an initial referral, she has had no ongoing involvement from OT/Physio in the hospital as she has no rehab potential and has pre-existing equipment in the home e.g. to assist with toileting/showering.
- She has no current tissue breakdown

Assessing her needs:

- Ward nurse staff contact community nursing services for the (GP) area, the patient is being discharged home to;
- Using the 'equipment assessment checklist' they discuss and agree the needs to be met and the appropriate equipment solutions (this may require additional information to be gathered);
- Discussion will also identify whether the assessment of needs can take place on the day the patient is discharged (in their own home) or whether the equipment must already be in place.

Ordering the equipment:

- The community nurse will order the equipment from the Store service and liaise with hospital staff over delivery arrangements/timescales

Follow up and conclusion of the assessment:

- The community nurse will carry out follow up visit/contact as required, to conclude the assessment process.