Wheelchair Equipment & Support Services Fact sheet

NHS Run Services

Camden and Islington Wheelchair and Seating Service
The Peckwater Centre
6 Peckwater Street
London
NW5 2TX

Tel: 020 7530 6402
Fax: 020 7530 6405
Minicom: 020 7530 6411

What it does / offers
The Wheelchair and Seating Service provides a variety of NHS wheelchairs and powered chairs, these are provided free according to assessed need. Anybody can request an assessment if they think that they need a wheelchair. The Wheelchair and Seating Service also carry out wheelchair repairs and provide wheelchairs for hire.

Wheelchair Repair

All Handling (Movability Ltd.),
492 Kingston Road
Raynes Park
London
SW20 8DX

Tel: 020 8542 2217
Fax: 020 8395 4410

All Handling (Movability Ltd.) service Wheelchairs and scooters, they also offer the option for Contract Servicing.

Shiloh Active Care
440 Cranbrook Road
Gants Hill
Ilford
Essex
IG2 6LL

Tel: 020 8518 3458
Fax: 020 8518 3394
Email: selmaorg@shiloh.co.uk
Website: www.mobility.co.uk

Shiloh Active Care have taken over Care & Mobility Ltd and supply a range of specialist equipment connected with mobility, furniture and bathroom and toilet fittings. They offer a home adaptations service, and have a larger site and assessment centre at Raleigh in Essex.

Shiloh Active Care’s Head Office is based in Oldham. Item can be purchased online, there is an Advice, and Call Centre based there.
Shiloh Active Care
Lion Mill
Fritton Street
Royton
Oldham
OL2 5JX
Tel: 0161 624 5641
Fax: 0161 627 0902
Advice & Call Centre: 0800 9170625
Website: www.shiloh.co.uk

GBL Wheelchair Warehouse
Units 1-3 Shield Drive
Brentford
Middx.
TW8 9EX

Tel: 020 8569 8955
Fax: 020 8560 5380
Website: www.gblwheelchairs.com

GBL is a firm run by wheelchair users. They offer a wide range of chairs, new, ex-demo & second-hand for sale, they also run a wheelchair hire and repair service.

Wheelchair Hire Services

The British Red Cross
Camden Branch:
119 Finchley Road
London
NW3

Tel: 020 7704 5679

Opening hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am - 3.30pm (answer phone all other times).

The British Red Cross run a wheelchair hire service, they offer standard model manual wheelchairs only, they hold a stock of approximately 80 wheelchairs. Their wheelchairs can be hired for between £4 - £6 per week, plus a £20 deposit (which is refundable). Their are no restrictions on the length of loans, delivery of the hire wheelchairs can be arranged but generally they require user to collect. They except self referrals for attendant propelled wheelchairs, but you will need letter from GP, nurse, physiotherapist, OT if would like to self propel.

British Red Cross Centre
Kensington, Chelsea & Westminster Centre
67 Old Church Street
London
SW3 5BS

Tel: 020 7352 8550
Fax: 020 7352 8714
This branch of the British Red Cross offer a wheelchair & commode hire service, other services offered are the provisions of medicals on site and first aid cover, plus therapeutic care in future.

*Warning they have a shortage of availability of chairs for anyone over 16 stone and require a Doctors referral.

**Buying a wheelchair**

First contact the Camden & Islington wheelchair & seating service to see if you are eligible for help under the NHS. If you are not and are left to privately hire or purchase a wheelchair then contact:

**Disabled Living Foundation**

380 - 384 Harrow Road  
London W9 2HU

Tel: 020 7289 6111  
Fax: 020 7266 2922  
Helpline: Tel: 0845 1309177  
Textphone: 020 7432 8009  
Email: dlfinfo@dlf.org.uk  
Website: www.dlf.org.uk

The Disabled Living Foundation (DLF) compile and print an Index giving details of the principal manufacturers and suppliers of equipment and information relating to powered wheelchairs, scooters and buggies. The DLF also produce an Index on a wide range of equipment and aids for promoting independent living.

**Motability**

Goodman House, & Motability Operations,  
Station Approach, City Gate House,  
Harlow, 22 Southwark Bridge Road,  
Essex London  
CM20 2ET SE1 9HB

Tel: 0845 4564566  
Minicom: 01279 632273  
Website: www.motability.co.uk

(They are open Monday to Friday, 8.45am-5.15pm.)

Motability is a registered charity, which can help disabled people on the Higher Rate Mobility Component (HRMC) of the Disability Living Allowance (DLA), or War Pensioners’ Mobility Supplement (WPMS) use their allowance to lease or buy a car, or to buy a powered wheelchair or scooter.

**Who are eligible?**

To qualify for the motability schemes you must be in receipt of one of the following benefits:
1. The Higher Rate Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
2. War Pensioners’ Mobility Supplement (WPMS)
3. Currently driving a Government vehicle, bike or mini.