



Appendix 5

Policy

East Sussex Care Homes- Provision of community equipment via ICES

**Provision of community equipment via the Integrated
Community Equipment Services (ICES) to adults living in care
homes with or without nursing**

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Purpose of the policy

The purpose of this policy is to outline the principles regarding the provision of community equipment via the Integrated Community Equipment Services (ICES) to adults living in care homes with or without nursing.

Definition of terms used in this document:

- 'adults' are defined as 18 years of age or above
- 'care home' is defined in this guidance as a care home with nursing or care home without nursing registered under the Care Quality Commission (CQC)
- 'community equipment' is equipment provided via ICES integrated Community Equipment Services
- 'ICES Prescriber' is a health or social care practitioner or other professional who is authorised to access the ICES Pooled Budget to prescribe community equipment via ICES
- 'person in charge' is defined as the most senior person in charge of the care home on the day

Principles

- Adults living in CQC registered care homes with or without nursing have the same access to the provision of community equipment via ICES, to meet their individual assessed need as those adults living in their own home.
- Community equipment provided via ICES supports the whole systems policy in respecting and supporting an individual to live and die in the place of their choice.
- Provision of community equipment via ICES will be based on the outcome of an assessment, of an individual, carried out by a health or social care practitioner or other professional who is an authorised ICES Prescriber, and it is to meet an identified assessed need, which is eligible for community equipment provision via ICES.

- The provision of community equipment will aim to promote the client's independence and quality of life and may alleviate the physical demands experienced by the care home staff.
- Ethnic, cultural and lifestyle preferences of the client will be considered and taken into account as part of the assessment procedure.
- Community equipment provided via ICES will be for the exclusive use of the person for whom it was prescribed in the environment for which it was assessed.
- Community equipment will be provided via ICES for as long as required by that individual. Following assessment and the resulting provision of equipment, the ICES Prescriber will ensure safe use of the equipment has been demonstrated to the client and person in charge at the care home.
- The care home is responsible for ensuring safe use by the care home staff and that the care home staff are competent and confident in using the equipment in the care of the individual.
- Day to day visual and other daily checks and cleaning, pre and post-use are the responsibility of the care home staff following the manufacturers' recommended instructions for use, and local or additional guidelines provided by the Prescriber.
- All repair, replacement and maintenance of community equipment provided via ICES will be carried out by the ICES service provider.
- The care home provider will be responsible for contacting the ICES service provider to report any problems or faults with the equipment and to arrange collection of the equipment when no longer required by the individual.
- The care home provider will be responsible for reporting any changes or concerns for that individual in regard to the safe use of equipment, to the relevant assessment team, in order to arrange or refer for a re-assessment of the individual.

Responsibilities and provision of equipment by care home providers

It is the responsibility of the care homes to meet all their regulatory requirements ensuring the premises, furniture and equipment are suitable to meet the care and support needs of the clients using the service.

Care homes are expected to provide a general range of equipment ensuring it is accessible, clean, safe and suitable for use. The range of equipment typically required by the clients using the service will be the responsibility of the care home provider to determine.

The general range of equipment includes, but is not limited to, beds and mattresses, chairs and bathing equipment, that is most appropriate to the care and support provided.

CQC registered care homes (without nursing) are expected to provide a reasonable range of basic equipment. CQC registered care homes (with nursing) are expected to provide a reasonable range of basic and more complex equipment typically required to meet the nursing care needs.

Care homes are expected to provide, as a minimum, basic standard sized attendant propelled wheelchairs intended for transit use. Further information can be found at: <https://www.millbrook-healthcare.co.uk/contact-us/service-centre-locations/wheelchair-services/east-sussex-wcs/>

Where a resident's needs cannot be met by the equipment provided by the care home, then a referral for an assessment to be undertaken by a health or social care professional should be made.

Assessment for provision of community equipment via ICES.

The assessment must be carried out by a health or social care professional e.g. Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, nurse, or other professional, who is authorised to access the ICES Pooled Budget to prescribe community equipment.

Referral routes for assessment will vary depending on the needs of the client and may require more than one healthcare professional to be involved in the assessment.

Following assessment and the resulting provision of equipment, the ICES Prescriber will ensure safe use of the equipment has been demonstrated to the client and the

person in charge at the care home, providing as necessary, care plans, moving and handling plans and risk assessments.

Relevant Policies & Regulatory standards

Listed below are some useful references and websites. This is not an exhaustive list.

Guidance and organisational publications do change. Please refer to the originating organisation for the most up to date publication and for other information.

- [Care Act \(June, 2014\)](#)
- [Care Quality Commission](#) (CQC) Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations (March 2015)
- [Care Quality Commission](#) (Registration) Regulations 2009 (Part 4) (as amended)
- [Data Protection Act 1998](#)
- Department of Health [National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care](#) (November 2012 - Revised)
- [Equality Act 2010](#)
- [Freedom of Information Act 2000 with changes 2014](#)
- [Health & Care Professions Council \(HCPC\)](#)
- [Health & Safety Executive](#) (Health and social care services section)
- [Health and Social Care Act 2008](#) (Regulated Activity) Regulations 2014
- [Health and Social Care Act 2008](#) (Regulated Activity) (Amendment) Regulations 2015
- [Health and Social Care Act 2008](#) (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 (Part 3) (as amended)
- Local policy, practice and professional guidance or organisational instructions as required by the ICES Prescribers' and / or care home staff's employing organisation.

- [Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency](#) (MHRA) Ref. MHRA Devices in Practice, Managing Medical Devices (April 2014), Guidance for healthcare and social services organisations and Checklists for using medical devices (June, 2014)
- [National Institute for Health and Care Excellence](#) (NICE) NICE clinical guidance 179: Pressure ulcers: prevent and management of pressure ulcers.
- www.legislation.gov.uk – refer to website for all acts with changes in progress.