

## How will my wheelchair be maintained?

During your stay at the NRH, our experienced wheelchair technicians will be on hand to make adjustments to your equipment.

Following your discharge from the NRH, your community Occupational Therapist will be responsible for any repairs, alterations and servicing of your equipment.

If you have any wheelchair related questions following your discharge, **speak to your Occupational Therapist at your local Health Centre.**

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## Wheelchair and Seating Clinic



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## A Guide to the Wheelchair and Seating Service at the NRH

## What service does the Wheelchair and Seating Clinic provide?

The clinic is an interdisciplinary service which provides wheelchairs, cushions and seating accessories to Inpatients at the NRH who have goals relevant to seating.

The service can provide you with:

- A suitable wheelchair
- Training and information on its appropriate use
- A pressure relieving cushion
- Accessories to support your posture where necessary, such as headrests, trunk supports, and trays
- Appropriate alterations and adjustments as required

## Supporting your journey

Becoming a wheelchair user often requires a significant emotional adjustment and for some, it can feel overwhelming at times. We aim to minimise any concerns or worries that may arise for our patients throughout the wheelchair and seating process. Our psychology and social work colleagues can provide you with emotional support during this process if needed.

## Who is on our team?

The Wheelchair and Seating Team is made up of physiotherapists, occupational therapists, wheelchair technicians and administrators.

## Types of wheelchair we provide

- Self-propelled manual wheelchairs which are pushed by the wheelchair user
- Wheelchairs that are pushed by an attendant or carer

## Types of wheelchair not provided

- Electric powered wheelchairs are not provided by the Wheelchair and Seating Clinic. This option can be discussed with your Physiotherapist or Occupational Therapist.



## You have been referred to the NRH Wheelchair and Seating service. What happens next?

Upon receiving a referral, you will be added to a **waiting list** for assessment and offered an appointment. You may be prioritised based on your clinical needs.

We aim to see everyone within two weeks of receiving a referral.

At your initial wheelchair and seating assessment, we will have a direct consultation with you and your treating team to determine the appropriate seating equipment for you.

If appropriate, you will be able to trial a wheelchair and cushion at your first appointment.

Where appropriate, you will have an opportunity to try more than one wheelchair and cushion before deciding on the final order.

It can sometimes be possible to order your wheelchair at your first appointment.

Specialised equipment can take between 6 and 12 weeks to arrive, from the time of completion of the order.