

Sheffield Community Equipment Loan Service
Pressure Relieving / Reducing Equipment

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newsletter



Welcome to the fifth edition of our newsletter...

Pressure Reducing Cushions available:

Cushions provided by Sheffield Equipment Loan Service are not to be put in wheelchairs – if a cushion is required for a wheelchair please contact Northern General Hospital Wheelchair Services.

Pressure reducing cushions and mattresses mould to the contours and natural hollows of the body, redistributing the weight over a larger surface area, thus reducing the pressure on any point. They are usually the initial equipment requirement.

New Position: Clerical Support / Clerical Officer

This position is advertised as Band 2 (fulltime). Prior to an appointment being made agency staff will be supporting the Nurse Advisor.

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Web Site

You all wanted more information - look on our new SCELSPR web site.

A login code is required to get access, please contact SCELSPR if you have not got one.

your equipment can now be requisitioned online.

Qualified Nurse to assist the Nurse Adviser

There have been initial discussions on the potential benefits of seconding a qualified nurse to assist the Nurse Adviser. However a final decision has been put on hold for the time being.



Park House Permapad



Park House Permaflex



Park House Memoflex



Spenco Healthcare Basix



Frontier Repose



Peak-Park Caircush



Frontier Repose Boot



Mattresses Frontier Repose



Harvest Procure



Parkhouse Permaflex



MSS Original



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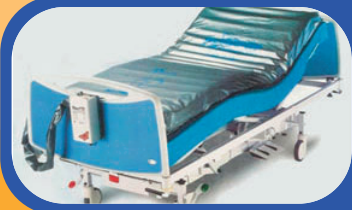
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Parkhouse Memoflex

Alternating Overlay Mattresses

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Parkhouse - Prelude

Code H1438HR. Alternating air overlay. Price - £390. Size - 180x80x11cm. Patient weight - maximum 103kg (16st) minimum 31kg (4st). Risk category - low/medium risk. Cleaning - power disconnected, do not immerse power unit in water, wipe overlay & cover with warm water containing detergent, dry thoroughly.



Pegasus - Aircare

Code H1415HR. Alternating air overlay. Size - 205 x 82.5 x 14.5cm. Patient weight limit - maximum 22st (140kg), no minimum. Risk category - medium risk patient whose skin is intact or therapy of pressure damage. To be issued only to care homes only due to having visual pressure failure alarm (amber light illuminates if problem). Cleaning - power disconnected, do not immerse power unit in water, wipe overlay & cover with warm water



Hill Rom - Alto

Code H1398HR Alternating pressure overlay. Price - £795. Size - 200x85x12cm. Patient weight limit - maximum 150kg (22st) minimum 40kg (6st). Risk Category - medium-high risk. Cushion available. Cleaning - power disconnected, do not immerse power unit in water, wipe overlay & cover with warm water containing detergent, dry thoroughly.



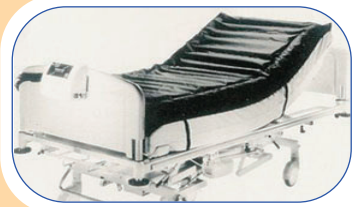
Huntleigh - Alpha x cell

Code H1390HR. Active Pressure Relieving Mattress Overlay. Price - Single £795, double £1797. Size - 204x86 x114cm inflated. Patient weight limit - maximum 140kg (22st) minimum adjustable. Risk category - medium risk. Alarm indicators - audible & visual alarms, power on indicator, inflation wait indicator, low pressure alarm, power fail alarm, integral battery backup. Cleaning - power disconnected, do not immerse power unit in water, wipe overlay & cover with warm water containing detergent, dry thoroughly.



Parkhouse - Eclipse

Code H1450HR. Alternating overlay mattress. Size - 180x80x14cm. + pump. Price - £675. Patient weight - minimum 31kg (5st), maximum 139kg (22st). Risk Category - high. Setting up - lie pt on pad, reset pressure dial on pump according to pt weight. Ensure correct pressure setting has been selected for either lying or sitting. 50kg(7st12) pressure range soft, upto 75kg(11st11) 33% turn away from soft, upto 100kg (15st10) 66% turn away from soft, over 100kg (15st10) above firm. Alarm indicators - visual & audible low. Cleaning - power disconnected, do not immerse power unit in water, wipe overlay & cover with warm water containing detergent, dry thoroughly.



Pegasus - Viaclin

Code - H1455HR. Alternating air overlay. Price - £1030. Size - 190x88x13cm. Patient weight - maximum 178kg (28st), no minimum. Risk category - for medium-high risk. Cleaning - power disconnected, do not immerse power unit in water, wipe overlay & cover with warm water containing detergent, dry thoroughly.



Pegasus - Variwave

Code H1463HR. Alternating overlay with foam base all within one cover. Risk category - Medium to High. Price - £650. Size - 190x88x17cm. Patient weight - maximum 159kg (25 stone). Cleaning -power disconnected, do not immerse power unit in water, wipe overlay & cover with warm water containing detergent, dry thoroughly.

Risk explained > Companies have tried to use the risk tool when promoting their equipment and research is available to support what they are saying. However, it is important to remember that the best item of equipment is the one that works for your patient!

**In the next issue:-
Therapy and Replacement
mattresses.**

More Breaking News!

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Training - "Taking the Pressure Off"

This is aimed at all qualified professionals (community, hospital and nursing homes) and students. NOTE: It is very important to attend the training in order to find out what equipment is available.

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 15th October 2008

Wednesday 19th November 2008

Wednesday 10th December 2008

January, February and March 2009 - Date will be available soon.

Arrival time for all sessions is 1.45pm for a 2.00pm start - finishing time for all sessions is 5.00pm If teams can't make Wednesdays please let me know so alternative arrangements can be made. Course dates are posted on the website.

Review of pressure relieving equipment

Please review mattresses and cushions every three months I appreciate that some patient's conditions will not change but there will be some whose wounds heal and a down-grade to a pressure reducing mattress and cushion is required.

The patient will benefit by having equipment that has no motors and no moving parts and is therefore less likely to break down.

Assessment Forms

The "Request for Pressure Relieving Equipment Form" is now available on line. Please remember all requests should come on the correct forms or there may be a delay.

Alternatively if a form has already been received then a second form may not be necessary - talk to the Nurse Advisor.

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"Passport To"... training!

The April 2008 intake has just completed the course and will soon be having their graduation ceremony. The successful graduates are:

Sam Losato DN @ Palgrave Surgery.
Janet Smith Case Manager @ Cornerstones.
Ann Ladlow DN @ Heeley Green.
Maureen Phipps DN @ High Green.
Lydia Griffith DN @ Firth Park.
Theresa Jones @ Mickley Hall NH.
Diane Hurrell DN @ Oughtibridge.
Pam Pemberton DN @ Elm Lane.
Kathryn Oakley Care Manager @ Stocksbridge Neuro Unit.
Sam Bradshaw Manager @ NorthHill RH.
Chris Schofield Line Manager @ Alpine Lodge NH.
Jackie Worrall Nurse @ Newfield NH.
Louise Pledger DN @ Birley HC.
Lesley Smith Nurse @ Lower Bowshaw NH.
Portia Mason DN @ Beighton.
Chris Oxley Intermediate Care Nurse @ Sevenfields.
Paul Burns OT @ SE CART.
Donna Thorpe Nurse @ Littledale NH.
Pat Thompson Nurse @ Hazelhurst.
David Charlton DN @ Abbey Lane.
Mahdi Ruble Head of Care @ BUPA CH.
Wendy Turl DN @ Cornerstones.

Well done to you all! 27 candidates started 3 are to restart next time and one candidate has a few components to complete.

Please help yourselves to help the service by doing the "Passport to..." extended training. The training will start again - if you are interested please contact the Nurse Advisory service.

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