

Schedule 13

Birmingham Guidance for Provision of Community Equipment in Care Homes with and without Nursing for Adults [2023]

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Introduction

This document is designed to promote better understanding between care homes, BCELS, and health and social care professionals.

The Birmingham Community Equipment Loans Service (BCELS) is commissioned by Birmingham City Council and BSol ICB (formerly BSol Clinical Commissioning Group, and Sandwell and West Birmingham Commissioning Group).

BCELS provide equipment items on loan to meet assessed health and social care needs, in line with relevant legislation. Equipment is usually supplied to citizens at home. From time to time the service is also asked to provide equipment for people who live in residential care homes. This document seeks to provide guidance on where responsibility for this provision lies.

A citizen residing in a Care Home With or Without Nursing does not receive equipment in the same way as if they were in their 'own home' but this is not discriminatory practice. For the avoidance of doubt, the Provider is paid to care for citizens and with that comes a responsibility in respect of equipment; that the Provider will provide or rent equipment to meet the assessed need, subject to the clauses within Schedule 13.

Definitions Used in this Document

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) recognises two types of care home:

- Care Homes with Nursing (sometimes referred to as Nursing Homes)
- Care Homes (sometimes referred to as Residential Homes)

For the purposes of this document, the generic term **care home** applies to both categories.

Bespoke refers to an item that is made outside of the usual manufacturing parameters as a "one off". This may involve the manufacturer altering the settings on or creating a new template in order to manufacture the item. This does not apply to items that are assembled to fit an individual from premanufactured modular parts, or to items that are adjustable and configured to fit an individual. These are off the shelf items and are not bespoke.

- *note within this document 'bespoke' does not apply to any of the standard support seating including chairs & shower chairs with tilt in space attributes, as this is considered equipment which meets common and frequently occurring needs within the older and frail population.

BCELS vs CES

BCELS is a jointly commissioned service to provide equipment for clients in the community with the current provider being Medequip LTD. CES though commonly referred to as community equipment service is differentiated in this schedule as an umbrella term to capture the various pathways commissioners from the Local Authority and ICB may use to support equipment provision which sits outside of this schedule.

Care Home Responsibility

It is expected that care homes provide a range of equipment suitable to meet a variety of individual needs which would be relevant to the needs of the people they intend to accommodate, as described in their statement of purpose. In providing this equipment, homes need to assess and take into account the varying needs of the people it will be used for, e.g., height and weight, ability to assist staff, and any other specific assessed need for an individual.

Care homes are expected to provide equipment in line with their duties and named in their contracts to fulfil their obligations to their residents (see **Appendix 1**) and to their staff in respect of Health and Safety at Work (see g below), whether those residents are placed by the Local Authority or are privately funded.

Please note that where needs identified by the clinician are not being met, this may result in:

- Safeguarding Adults procedures
- Notification to the regulatory body

Care Homes must have available suitable equipment to meet the needs of either their existing residents, or any person they choose to accept.

- a) Care homes with an enhanced statement of purpose, e.g., care specialisms, will be expected to have further related equipment for that purpose.
- b) All care homes, both residential and nursing, should reach the national minimum standards for the provision of equipment and ensure it is fit for purpose. For example, if a home states it caters for the needs of people with physical disabilities, to be fit for purpose it must have wheelchair access and a range of equipment which is likely to be needed by people with physical disabilities.
- c) To meet needs, the care home is expected to have an adequate supply of equipment to fulfil their obligations and their requirements for health and safety.
- d) Variations in people's size, height, weight etc. should be catered for.
- e) When people move into a care home and have existing equipment whether provided by BCELS or CES (see glossary for definition) that was previously used in the community, this equipment should NOT be transferred to the care home unless there is an exceptional circumstance and approval has been granted by BCELS Contract Manger. Consideration should be given to any infection control requirements.
- f) Standards are set out in guidance including Department of Health (2004) 'Community Equipment and Care Homes', in The Care Standards Act (2000), and in National Framework for NHS Continuing Health Care and NHS –funded Nursing Care 2018 (revised).
- g) It is the responsibility of the employer, under Health and Safety at Work legislation to provide suitably maintained equipment, staff training and supervision in a safe working environment, to ensure risk assessments are carried out and that risks are minimised as far as possible.

The council's brokerage service will monitor any refusal to accept residents because of their need for standard equipment.

BCELS Equipment Loans to a Resident of a Care Home

Where the citizen is a resident of a care home, the following will be taken into consideration before there is agreement to supply a service:

- This is the citizen's main (or only) place of residence
- The equipment requested will be for the sole use of that citizen
- The requested equipment is not expected to be provided by the care home within current contractual arrangements and this Schedule.
- The service user has not been placed from outside of Birmingham

BCELS will not supply items which it is reasonable to expect registered homes to stock as a part of their registration. For example, this would include most toileting and bathing aids; beds and bed aids; manual handling equipment; low level pressure cushions and mattresses; furniture raisers; a range of chairs and so on, as indicated in Appendix 1.

Loans from BCELS will be divided into one of the following categories:

- Be outside of the range of equipment the care home is expected, by its registration or contract arrangements, to provide.
- Bespoke equipment designed or adapted for a named individual (specifically tailored in respect of design, size, weight; and would not be capable of being utilised by another resident.

Equipment requests must be made by suitably qualified NHS or Social Care professionals who are part of the pooled BCELS contract.

The equipment needs of people in care homes are not necessarily the same as people residing in their own homes, as there is access to professionally managed twenty-four-hour care. Consideration will be given to the most appropriate and cost-effective method of meeting any assessed need.

Short Term Equipment Loan

Care homes should not accept people whose assessed needs they are unable to meet. However, it is against the ethos of care to move people from their current setting if their new condition is short term. Where the absence of a particular piece of equipment in a care home is temporary and the provision of equipment would facilitate the discharge from an acute hospital bed, or enable the person to stay in the home, BCELS may consider providing support if the care home is unable to purchase or rent the equipment in a timely way. This will be considered on a case-by-case basis and practitioners should discuss this with BCELS clinical leads & contract manager prior to any decision to supply.

Equipment is prescribed to individuals and remains linked to their individual care needs throughout. Should citizens / patients transfer to an alternative provider who is commissioned for the provision of such equipment, the care home is expected to arrange collection of the equipment by BCELS, and not allow it to be transferred to another location.

When the person using the service moves to another setting, or back home, BCELS **must** be informed. Beds and other large items must never be taken apart or moved by family members or staff and a transfer request must be made to BCELS.

Short Term Hospital Discharge Beds

Provision to short term hospital discharge beds (EICT/P2/Intermediate Care/Designated Setting/EAB/etc.) follows the principles outlined in this guidance. There is an expectation that care homes providing these beds do have the following equipment on site to ensure the smooth transition of a patient from hospital to the short-term hospital discharge bed in a timely manner:

- Profiling beds (standard, low entry & bariatric) – depending on the commissioning arrangement.
- Standing Hoist – A standing hoist is used by service users that have lost balance or strength to stand independently. However, it's important the service user can weight-bear e.g., support their own body weight using their legs without supportive assistance.
- Patient Turners or Standing Aids – gives those with limited mobility a quick, easy, and safe seated transfer from bed to chair to toilet, typically requiring just one carer. It's a great solution for users who can raise themselves to an upright or semi-upright position then sit down for transfer. Typical examples are Mo-lift raiser, Cricket stand aid, rota stand.
- Slide sheets
- Standard slings compatible to mobile hoist and standing hoists.
- Standard high back chairs/seating.

BCELS will make every effort to support requests for loans of bespoke equipment e.g., specialist seating, slings, but if the equipment is not available within their recycled stock supplies, then any new purchase will need to be discussed and agreed by Clinical Leads, Contract Manager and Commissioners, as typically such requests can take between 4-6 weeks to supply. Due to the short timeframe for citizens in a short-term hospital bed, new purchase of specials would not be appropriate as the equipment may arrive only once the citizen is no longer occupying the bed.

NHS Continuing Health Care (CHC) Funding

If a resident is eligible for CHC funding, separate guidelines apply. Please refer to Schedule 2 of the NHS Standard Contract (Schedule 2 – Service Specification, Section 3.19 Equipment and Section 3.20 Clinical Equipment) **Appendix 2.**

Working in Partnership

There are areas where care homes and statutory services can productively collaborate:

- Occupational Therapy teams can receive referrals to provide advice for citizens with complex needs
- Equipment loans for individual users, where agreed according to guidelines within this document
- Signposting to reps and suppliers for various products, which need to be purchased by the care home
- The BCELS provider (currently Medequip) can sell equipment, directly to care homes on a private basis. This allows the care home to benefit from more competitive prices than the open market. Other equipment providers may also have retail sales that could be used by care homes to facilitate self-purchase. Guidance can be sought from Contract Manager.

Care homes should be willing to help BCELS by:

- Identifying when equipment is no longer required by a named resident and releasing it promptly for collection
- Informing the service promptly in the event of equipment breakdown
- Notifying changes in end user arrangements for whom equipment has been loaned (e.g., hospitalisation; movement to another care home; client deceased) and arranging for collection
- Ensuring that equipment is not being used by, or passed to, other residents.

Needs of Other Residents

BCELS will not supply items for use by several residents. Where such items are required, they are the responsibility of the Care Home to provide.

Equipment provided on loan from BCELS **must not** be transferred between residents. It is essential for health and safety reasons, and under the terms of the loan, that any item which is no longer needed is returned to BCELS for cleaning and maintenance, before being reissued to another citizen.

Using and Returning Equipment

Equipment provided by BCELS will be for a named individual on a loan basis.

Equipment should be kept clean and be well cared for whilst on loan. It should only be used as a part of a named individual's care plan.

The citizen and/or the care home is responsible for all equipment issued to them by BCELS and the service reserves the right to charge for replacements or repairs if any items are damaged or lost. Items which are no longer required should be returned to BCELS.

Any breakdowns or repairs required should be reported to BCELS. Repairs needed due to normal use will be carried out via BCELS, any damage resulting from misuse or lack of care will need to be funded by the care home. Repairs to specialist equipment will be actioned where economically viable to do so. If a repair is not possible/ viable, and the equipment was a specially ordered item, the citizen may need to be referred to the

health or social care professional/service who ordered this equipment, for reassessment.

For items provided via CES, the care home may need to fund any repair to the item if they wish to continue to use it as per the agreement at the time the item was provided. The item will remain the property of CES (unless stated otherwise) and will need to be returned when the individual it was issued to no longer has need for it. Replacements will only be issued in line with this agreement.

Equipment supplied by BCELS must be returned following the death or discharge of the citizen. A charge for full replacement cost will be administered for failure to comply.

When a person for whom equipment has been issued moves to an address outside Birmingham and is no longer supported by either Birmingham City Council or BSoI ICB, BCELS must be notified to enable appropriate arrangements for the return of equipment.

Provision of Equipment

Where equipment is provided into a care home it is strictly for the use of a named resident. The equipment is on loan to that person and remains the property of the Local Authority and NHS.

The care home and its staff are expected to treat the equipment with due care and attention and to clean it in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Where regular maintenance and/or statutory testing, such as LOLER examinations are required, this will be carried out by the contracted equipment provider.

Self-funded Residents

Self-funded care home residents will be entitled to the same level of equipment provision as Local Authority or NHS funded patients as set out in this schedule.

*The following Matrix is taken from the **National Association of Equipment Providers** guidelines which outlines the funding responsibilities for equipment provision. It does not indicate who is responsible for assessment, which will be carried out by any relevant prescriber in hospital or community services who will advise the care homes of their resident's requirements resulting from a health care need and order the equipment for the individual resident/patient.*

APPENDIX 1 - EQUIPMENT MATRIX

The table below is provided to assist Community Equipment Services (CES), Care Home Providers and others in determining the local arrangements and responsibilities for the provision and maintenance of equipment in Care Homes in the following area(s).

Name of Local Area(s) Covered by this matrix: BIRMINGHAM

Abbreviations:

CH	Care Home
BCELS	Community Equipment Service (following assessment by identified prescriber/assessor)
CES	Equipment not normally provided by BCELS but responsibility falls within Local Authority or BSoI ICB
SIS	Sensory Impairment Service (“Services for people with visual and/or hearing impairment”)
CHC	NHS Continuing Health Care
GP	General Practitioner via prescription
-	Not Applicable

Type of Equipment	Arrangements & responsibilities for provision and maintenance		Comments
	Nursing Home	Residential Home	
Bathing Equipment			
Range of bath seats	CH	CH	
Range of bath boards	CH	CH	
Bath step	CH	CH	
Powered bath lift	CH	CH	
Swivel bathers	CH	CH	
Range of shower chairs	CH	CH	
Range of shower stools	CH	CH	
Bespoke Shower Chairs	CH	BCELS	May be provided following an assessment by clinical practitioner for a named individual.
Bariatric versions of standard equipment*	CH	CH/BCELS	Most standard equipment, including profiling beds and chairs can be used by patients of up to 190kg (30 stones). The size and weight of the person must be considered as part of the assessment when determining the suitability of the placement. The Local Authority/NHS may consider it appropriate in certain circumstances to provide loan bariatric equipment to enable the person’s needs to be met. Care homes are expected to purchase basic bariatric items which are readily available through suppliers. Provision of bespoke bariatric items to Care Homes Without Nursing follows a specialist risk assessment by a clinical practitioner. Stock not routinely held at BCELS. Could be subject to special orders process and authorisation/local policies.

Bariatric (Super)	CH/CES	CES	Subject to local agreement by Commissioners and complex MDT as part of bariatric discharge pathway.
Type of Equipment	Arrangements & responsibilities for provision and maintenance		Comments
Bedroom	Nursing Home	Residential Home	Standard profiling beds are not usually provided by BCELS for use in care homes; however, there may be circumstances where this would be considered. Profiling beds will not be provided to meet obligations by the employer to comply with the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, in relation to their employees.
Beds Powered variable height, profiling beds	CH	CH/BCELS	Responsibility of Care Home in terms of moving and handling legislation for care staff. Provision for Care Homes Without Nursing following an assessment by an approved practitioner for health needs . For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where the client has acute respiratory need and requires the profiling function to sit upright and other solutions i.e., back rest, bed wedge, pillow lift have been tried and found to be unsuccessful. • A profiling bed is essential to assist in the management of pressure care when an air flow/dynamic mattress is indicated. • As part of a prescribed rehabilitation programme where the profiling and variable height functions will enable client to transfer independently and prevent the use of a hoist. Loans will be provided for 6 weeks. • Where a patient is in a residential home but their nursing needs increase considerably towards the end of their life. In this case, if the assessment shows that moving the patient to another facility would cause distress or unnecessary physical deterioration, a profiling bed may be provided on loan. Must be agreed with Contract Manger to determine whether the patient is palliative or end of life. Loans will be strictly for 6 weeks. <p>All provisions must be discussed by the prescriber and agreed with BCELS Contract Manager, to ensure criteria for provision is met and loan is recorded for monitoring.</p>
Variable height, profiling bariatric bed	CH	CH/BCELS	The statement above applies in full AND where the client's weight is above the maximum weight limit of a standard variable height profiling bed, then the provision of a bariatric bed may be considered following a full documented risk assessment by the clinical practitioner. For clients above the maximum weight limit of a bariatric bed see super bariatric section.
Bespoke beds for people (CHC funded) with complex treatment and care needs	CHC	CHC	Through NHS Continuing Health Care only and if the person is eligible for NHS Continuing Health Care funding (eligibility must be established independently of the equipment).
Bed Accessories			

Bed blocks and raisers	CH	CH	Responsibility of Care Home in terms of meeting moving & handling legislation for care staff.
Range of back rests	CH	CH	
Bed Stick	CH	CH	
Blanket Cradle	CH	CH	
Powered Mattress Variator	CH	CH	
Over bed trolley/table	CH	CH	
Lifting pole	CH	CH	
Bed Side Rails: Profiling variable height bed rails (and bumpers)	CH	CH/BCELS	Subject to full documented risk assessment by the clinical practitioner as these are high risk items . Only compatible with beds provided via BCELS.
Type of Equipment	Arrangements & responsibilities for provision and maintenance		Comments
	Nursing Home	Residential Home	
Chair Raising Equipment			
Chair blocks and raisers	CH	CH	
Dressing Equipment			
Stocking aid/Tights aid	CH	CH	
Long-handled shoe horn	CH	CH	
Environment Support			
Helping hand	CH	CH	
Kitchen Trolley	CH	CH	
Perching stool	CH	CH	
Mobility Equipment			Mobility aids, such as zimmer frames or crutches, will be provided for use by individual residents subsequent to assessment.
Walking stick	BCELS	BCELS	} All these items may be available through BCELS or other Health provision via CES
Fisher walking stick	BCELS	BCELS	
Walking frames with/without wheels	BCELS	BCELS	
Gutter walking frame	BCELS	BCELS	
Elbow crutches	BCELS	BCELS	
Gutter crutches	BCELS	BCELS	
3 or 4-wheeled walkers	BCELS/CES	BCELS/CES	
Standing frame	BCELS/CES	BCELS	
Heavy-duty mobility equipment	BCELS/CES	BCELS	

Ramps	CH	CH	
Assorted grab rails	CH	CH	
Type of Equipment	Arrangements & responsibilities for provision and maintenance		Comments
Moving and Handling Equipment	Nursing Home	Residential Home	Moving & Handling equipment will not be provided to meet obligations by the employer to comply with the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, in relation to their employees.
Mobile Standard Hoist	CH	CH	
Ceiling Track Hoists	CH	CH	
Bariatric Hoists	CH	CH/BCELS/ CES	Provision will be following a risk assessment by a clinical practitioner. Stock not routinely held at BCELS. Subject to special orders process and authorisation. Will only be considered by BCELS where resident's weight is above the maximum weight limit of a standard hoist. For clients above the maximum weight limit of a bariatric hoist see super bariatric section.
Standard slings	CH	CH	
Bespoke slings	BCELS	BCELS	Provision will be following an assessment by a clinical practitioner. Stock not routinely held at BCELS. Subject to special orders process and authorisation. Bespoke refers to custom made not a different style. Seek clarity/approval from BCELS clinical lead & contract manager.
Standing Frame/Standing Hoist (Powered)	CH	CH/BCELS	For common/general use - equipment is to be provided by the Care Home. For a named individual these may be provided where a standing frame/standing hoist is assessed to be essential as part of a short-term prescribed rehabilitation programme and the patient is expected to progress to the use of a non-powered stand aid or independent transfers.
Standing Aid (non-powered)	CH	CH	Turntable, turning discs, swivel cushions e.g. Rota Stand, Arjo Stedy, Cricket, Return.
Transfer Boards	CH	CH	
Handling Belts	CH	CH	
Slide sheets/one-way glide sheets	CH	CH	
Type of Equipment	Arrangements & responsibilities for provision and maintenance		Comments
	Nursing Home	Residential Home	
Pressure Care			
High specification foam overlays/mattresses and cushions for low to medium risk	CH	CH	Care homes are expected to provide at least a high-risk foam pressure relieving mattress as standard and to obtain higher level equipment where required. High risk or very high-risk pressure relieving mattresses will be provided as a short-term loan (up to 12 weeks)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable a hospital discharge • Where a patient's condition has rapidly deteriorated <p>Where the patient is at end of life and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an assessment indicates that very high-risk equipment will be required. <p>Otherwise, the care home is expected to provide suitable pressure relieving equipment.</p>
Visco elastic/foam mattresses/cushions – for medium to high risk	CH	CH/BCELS	Provision to Care Homes Without Nursing following a specialist risk assessment for tissue viability medium to high risk needs only.
Lateral Turners	CH	CH	Reduces the need for frequent turning by care staff.

Type of Equipment	Arrangements & responsibilities for provision and maintenance		Comments
	Nursing Home	Residential Home	
Respiration			
For maintenance of respiration e.g. suction units	CH	BCELS/CES	These units may be available for individual users in Care Homes Without Nursing through BCELS or other CES provision. Commissioning pathway under review (August 2022) and is subject to possible change. Practitioners should liaise with contract manager prior to making a requisition.
Simple nebulisers	CH	BCELS/CES	These units may be available for individual users in Care Homes Without Nursing through BCELS or other CES provision. Commissioning pathway under review (August 2022) and is subject to possible change. Practitioners should liaise with contract manager prior to making a requisition.
Seating			Postural seating may be provided on short term loan of up to 12 weeks where the clinical need has been demonstrated.
Standard chairs including a range of riser recliners	CH	CH	Riser recliner chairs and high seat chairs are not provided by for use in care homes.
Specialist postural support bespoke chairs*	CH/BCEL	CH/BCELS	These items may be available through BCELS or other CES provision subject to special orders process/local policies The care home are expected to provide basic modular tilt in space seating where this is required, BCELS will support with highly complex or bespoke provisions following specialist assessment.
Specialist Complex Needs			
Sleep systems/Positioning rolls	BCELS	BCELS	These items may be available through BCELS subject to local policies. Provision will be following an assessment by a clinical practitioner.

Type of Equipment	Arrangements & responsibilities for provision and maintenance		Comments
	Nursing Home	Residential Home	
Toileting			
Bedpans and urine bottles	CH	CH	
Range of commodes: standard/mobile/tilting	CH	CH	
Raised toilet seats	CH	CH	
Toilet frames	CH	CH	

NAEP guidelines on equipment out of scope of BCELS Service (for reference only)

*Nursing equipment, such as catheters, syringe drivers and oxygen equipment are not provided through BCELS.

	Arrangements & responsibility for provision & maintenance		
	Care Home with Nursing	Care Home without Nursing	
Toileting			
Continence pads (local policies)	CH/CES	CH/CES	Full assessment to be completed - must meet eligibility criteria for continence service.
Special sheets (local policies)	CH/CES	CH/CES	Full assessment to be completed - must meet eligibility criteria for continence service.
Falls			
Hip protectors	CH	CH	Advice available through local Falls Prevention Service – care homes to check local provision.
Help with Feeding			
PEG feeding equipment	CES	CES	Provision through CES. Subject to local policies and processes.
PEG feeding consumables	CES	CES	
For intravenous feeding and transfusion	CES	CES	
Range of feeding equipment	CES	CES	e.g. plate accessories.

Lifting Devices	CH	CH	To aid a fallen person off the floor e.g., Mangar lifting cushions
Nursing Equipment and Nursing Procedures			
Venepuncture	CES	CES	Can be GP or NHS funded.
Vacutaine bottles for blood tests	CES	CES	Can be GP or NHS funded.
Syringes and needles	CH	CES	
Catheterisation			
For management of catheterisation e.g. bag, stand, packs	CH	CES	Can be GP or NHS funded.
Prescription for catheters and bags	CES	CES	Can be GP or NHS funded.
Dressings			
For procedures related to aseptic and clean dressings	CES	CES	GP/nursing prescription.
Medicine administration			
For administration of oral medicine/medication	CH	CH	Medicine via prescription/chemist packs.
For administration of rectal medication	CH	CES	These procedures are carried out by Community Nurses for Care Homes without Nursing.
For administration of medication by injection	CH	CES	
Standard syringe drivers	CH	CES	
Specialist syringe drivers, e.g. for epidurals	NHS	-	
Nursing Procedures			
Routine nursing procedures e.g. testing urine, BP, BM (glucometer)	CH	CES	Community Nurses and Specialist Nurses.

Pressure Management			
Alternating Dynamic (and pump) overlays/ mattresses/ cushions – for medium to high risk	CH	CH/CES	Provision to Care Homes Without Nursing following a specialist risk assessment for tissue viability medium to high risk needs only
For maintenance of respiration e.g. suction units	CH	CES	These units may be available for individual users in care homes without nursing through local CES or other Health provision.
Oxygen cylinders/concentrators	CES	CES	
Oxygen administration consumables	CES	CES	
Simple nebulisers	CH	CES	
Resuscitation equipment (e.g. mouth to mouth)	CH	CH	e.g. ambu masks and bags.
Pulse oximeters	CH	CES	
Non-standard complex Nebuliser and humidifiers (e.g. for ENT, CPAP BIPAP)	CES	CES	Specialist secondary care services.
Sensory			
Range of sensory impairment equipment	CH/SIS	CH/SIS	Care Homes are expected to provide a range of standard equipment such as flashing fire alarms/flashing doorbells etc. Other sensory items may be available through referrals to local SIS teams.
Wheelchairs and accessories provided by wheelchair services for permanent and substantial usage after trauma or short-term palliative care	NHS Wheelchair services	NHS Wheelchair services	For a named individual to use following an assessment by a qualified therapist only.

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVISION FROM BCELS IS SUBJECT TO AN ASSESSED NEED

**APPENDIX 2 –
Section 3.19 Equipment and Section 3.20 Clinical Equipment
of Schedule 2 of the NHS Standard Contract**

SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES

A. Service Specifications

3.19 Equipment

The Provider will provide the equipment detailed in Table 2 as standard at no additional cost to the Commissioner, where required to meet the individuals assessed need.

The provider will supply infection prevention and control equipment in line with regulation 12.2 (f) of the 2014 Regulations.

The equipment will be supplied at no cost to BSol CCG. The cost of the equipment will be built into the cost of care. It is the responsibility of the Provider to source and order the following;

- Single use disposable gloves
- Single use disposable aprons, and
- Alcohol hand rub

The Provider will ensure that equipment is subject to regular safety checks and maintenance/replacement as necessary, as per Table 2.

Need	Equipment
Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slings – one pair/Service User • Beds – height adjustable/variable hospital bed where clinically indicated or as a minimum evidence of bed replacement programme to profiling beds and bariatric beds, as required • Slide sheets • Hoist – sling, standing • Handling belt • Transit wheelchairs • Over-bed trolley table • Bed-rails and bumpers • Bath equipment – bath hoist, shower chair • Scales • Hoist scales • Grab rails
Skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mattress – soft foam, medium overlay and low air loss mattresses (up to grade four) • Variety of chairs to meet individual needs • Cushions – pressure relieving
Elimination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commode/commode chair • Bed pans • Urinals
Respiratory Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nebulisers • Suction machines • Prescribed Oxygen
Assistive technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication aids/signs to assist Service Users with hearing / visual / cognitive impairments • Call systems with an accessible alarm • Bed sensors • Chair sensors • Tap/bath/shower sensors • Door alarms • Bariatric beds
Nutrition – food and drink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptive cutlery • Non slip mats • Pumps • PEG feeds • Subcutaneous administration sets
End of life care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syringe drivers, giving sets and syringes
Emotional and social needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to local/on site amenities • Appropriate access to a good standard of exercise equipment (as appropriate)

Table 2: Standard equipment to be provided by the Provider

In exceptional cases, if bespoke equipment, not covered in the 'standard' weekly rate, is required during an individual's placement (as a consequence of a change in need) then the Provider will contact the Commissioner and notify them of the equipment requirement. The source and cost of the bespoke equipment will then be discussed and if appropriate agreed.

3.20 Clinical equipment

The Provider will ensure that any clinical equipment provided for an individual by the Commissioner is:

- Managed safely and securely;
- Operated in line with the manufacturer's instructions;
- Kept clean and decontaminated as per infection control policies and procedures. Where necessary, items of equipment which need to undergo specialist decontamination, the Commissioner will provide instructions to the Provider;
- Made available for maintenance by the Commissioner (maintenance will be managed by the Commissioner only); and
- Only for use in relation to the named individual.

If the Provider identifies a potential requirement for clinical equipment to be provided by the Commissioner or nominated other, then the Provider will inform the Commissioner. The Commissioner and Provider will then discuss and agree the appropriateness of the provision.

In the event of the individual's condition changing and the equipment no longer being necessary, the Provider must advise the Commissioner/Home Loans within 24 hours in order that arrangements can be made for the equipment's collection

Glossary of Terms

Bespoke	Bespoke equipment refers to equipment that is specially tailored to the individual needs of a resident and is not available “off the shelf” from any manufacturer/supplier.
BCELS	The Birmingham Community Equipment Loans Service (BCELS) is commissioned by Birmingham City Council and BSol ICB. BCELS provide equipment items on loan to meet assessed health and social care needs, in line with relevant legislation. Equipment is usually supplied to citizens at home. Provision to care homes in line with Schedule 13 only.
CES	Community Equipment Services – umbrella term for equipment pathways that fall out of BCELS remit, but responsibility remains with Commissioner.
CHC	NHS Continuing Health Care is a package of continuing care provided outside hospital, arranged, and funded solely by the NHS, for people with ongoing healthcare needs and subject to an eligibility assessment.
Clinical Practitioner	Is the person responsible for assessing the resident and their equipment needs.
CQC	Care Quality Commission – are the independent regulator of health and adult social care services in England. Their role is to monitor, inspect and regulate services to make sure they meet fundamental standards of quality and safety.
Loan Equipment	Equipment that is on loan to the care home from CES for use by an individual resident, where the need falls outside of the home’s general provision. Loan equipment does not include domestic furniture e.g. divan beds and armchairs. Loan equipment is supplied following an assessment by Health and/or Social Care staff in accordance with eligibility criteria.
MHRA	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) are responsible for sending Medical Device Bulletins and Field Safety Notices. MDA DB 2006 (05) is guidance for managing medical devices and provides an outline for a systematic approach to the purchasing, deployment, maintenance, repair and disposal of medical devices.
NAEP	National Association of Equipment Providers is an established membership association, which represents a broad spectrum of personnel working in all sectors of community equipment provision and their associated services in the United Kingdom.
PUWER	Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations require that any risks to people’s health and safety, from equipment that they use at work, is prevented, or controlled. Generally, any equipment that is used by an employee at work is covered. In addition, lifting equipment is also subject to the requirements of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER).