

## ELK

### Clinical Business Case

The following clinical business case provides information and clinical reasoning examples, to assist the health or social care professional to support a request for funding of non-contract equipment.



### What are the needs, goals or outcomes for the service user?

- To provide a safe and dignified lift from the floor following a fall indoors or outdoors.
- To reduce calls to the ambulance service to assist in the lifting of the service user following a fall, when no injury is present.
- To delay the need for hoisting (the service user falls regularly but is otherwise mobile). This is particularly useful for patients with neurological conditions where balance has become an issue and falls are becoming more frequent.
- To reduce or avoid the cost of a care package at home. The equipment can be used by one carer, either formal or informal.
- To reduce the risk of injury to the informal or formal carer.

### What options have been explored or considered?

*A mobile hoist has been considered to lift the service user from the floor following a fall, however:*

- The service user is not at the stage where a hoist is required for transfers.
- Space for a hoist may be limited.

### Equipment Recommended

*ELK Lifting Cushion*

- Can be used in confined spaces both inside and outside.
- Reduces the risk of musculoskeletal injury to carer.
- Single handed use for carer.
- Easy for non-healthcare professional to use or multiple users, where there is no permanent carer.
- Reduces the need for more intrusive equipment such as a hoist.
- Compact, transportable and easy to store.

### What are the benefits of provision to the service user and /or carer?

- Improves the health and well-being of the service user.
  - ◇ The Service user will be able to be lifted in a safe and dignified manner following a fall.
- Reduces risk of injury to the service user and/ or carer.
- Support for informal carer.
- Reduced calls to the ambulance service. The cost to the tax payer for calling out an ambulance is approximately £300.
- Prevents or reduces need for care and support.
  - ◇ National average cost of care is £15.00 per hour. Cost savings can be calculated from this.