

CAMEL

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 following a fall indoors or outdoors:
 - ◊ The service user requires additional support in sitting due to their condition, strength, sitting balance or plus size.
 - ◊ The service user has dementia or other cognitive impairment and needs to feel calm, well supported and comfortable when lifted.
- 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 is not at the stage where a hoist is required for transfers. 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, also:

- The service user is not at the stage where a hoist is required for transfers.
- Space for a hoist may be limited.
- A more dignified lift in a public area or a residential home/nursing home can be achieved using the CAMEL.

Equipment Recommended

CAMEL Lifting Chair

- Service user with dementia or other cognitive impairment remains calmer when lifted with a CAMEL rather than a hoist.
- Backrest gives additional support and is particularly suitable for bariatric service users.
- Can be used in confined spaces both inside and outside.
- Reduces the risk of musculoskeletal injury to carer.
- Single handed care possible.
- Reduces the need for more intrusive equipment such as a hoist.
- Compact and easy to store.

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

- The Service user will be able to be lifted in a safe and dignified manner following a fall.
- Reduced calls to the ambulance service. The cost to the tax payer for calling out an ambulance is approximately £300.
- Prevent or reduce need for care and support.
 - ◊ National average cost of care is £15.00 per hour. Cost savings can be calculated from this.