

Handy Pillow Lift

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 assist the service user to rise safely and independently from lying to sitting and vice versa and maintain a comfortable sitting position.
- To enable the service user to sleep in a more upright position.
- To enable the service user to adjust the angle of the backrest regularly to ensure comfort and an appropriate sleeping position.
- To prevent or reduce the need for care and support.
- To reduce the risk of injury to the informal or formal carer.
- The service user sleeps in a double bed and needs equipment to raise himself / herself from lying to sitting in bed and vice versa without disturbing their partner.

What options have been explored or considered?

Bed Lever:

- Provides the leverage to assist into sitting but does not provide the support required to maintain a sitting position.
- The service user does not have the upper limb strength to pull themselves into a sitting position.

Backrest:

- The service user is unable to adjust the incline of the back rest as required and is unable to keep the pillows in the most comfortable position.

Mattress variator:

- A mattress variator which sits under the mattress would be disruptive to the service user's partner.

Include details of any refurbished equipment considered.

Equipment Recommended

Handy Pillow Lift

- Raises an individual from lying to sitting if other basic equipment is not suitable.
- The Handy Pillow Lift sits on top of the mattress enabling it to be fitted to any size and style of bed and causes minimal disturbance to a second person in a double bed.
- Can be operated independently or by carer.
- Inflation and deflation is controllable.
- Reduces moving and handling risks, so reducing risk of musculoskeletal injury to individual and/or carer.
- Reduces the need for other expensive equipment (e.g. profiling bed).
- Can be used on any size bed.
- Anti-slip pillow holder.
- Is portable and lightweight .
- Covers can be machine washed and spares can be purchased.

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

- The service user will be able to:
 - ◇ Raise himself / herself safely and independently into a comfortable sitting position and lower into a lying position as required without disturbing their partner.
 - ◇ Maintain control of their own independence and well-being.
 - ◇ Continue to sleep in a double bed with their partner.
- Reduces or avoids risk of musculoskeletal injury to carer when assisting with rising to sitting position or lowering to a lying position.
- 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.
- Avoids the need for a profiling bed.
 - ◇ Cost saving – approximately £140 through provision of Handy Pillow Lift as opposed to a profiling bed.