

# Finding the right seating options

# **Care Home Support Team**

When looking at purchasing seating, the Disabled Living Foundation (DLF) factsheets offer a wealth of advice about what to look for, and different options available.

Web livingmadeeasy.org.uk/category/at-home/beds-and-chairs/multipositioning-and-supportseating

Prior to purchasing chairs, always discuss your needs with the company representative. They will be happy to come to your Home to demonstrate a range of chairs which may meet your requirements.

#### Considerations

- Different residents will require different seat widths/depths is the chair width adjustable?
- Does the chair have wheels which will allow the resident to be moved around the Home?
- Does the chair feature a 'nest'? i.e. the option to insert a range of different cushion options, depending on the pressure needs of the resident
- How easy can the chair be cleaned? Is it made from wipeable fabric?
- Will the hoist/transfer aid be compatible with the chair?

## **Chairs and cushioning**

#### Accora, Solus Chair

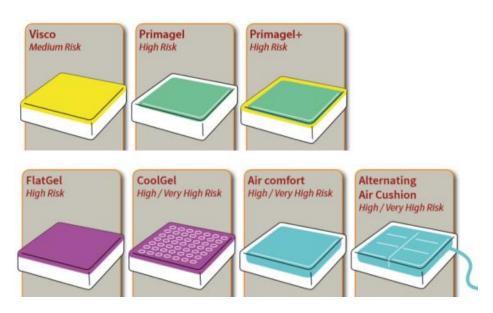
The 'Configura Solus' and the 'Prospect' are riser recliners chairs on wheels which allow the user to be transported around the Care Home.

The seat bases of both chairs are wipeable and feature a 'nest' in which differing levels of pressure cushion can be placed.



#### Pressure Care Management (PCM) – Prospect Chair





#### **Cushion options**

- Visco (Medium Risk)
- Primagel (High Risk)
- Primagel+ (High Risk)
- FlatGel (High Risk)
- CoolGel (High / Very High Risk)
- Air Comfort (High / Very High Risk)
- Alternating Air Cushion (High / Very High Risk)

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