

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-support-seating

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. We are unable to recommend specific products or manufacturers, below are just some examples of chairs which are currently availability and may be suitable.

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?
- Will the chair meet the needs of the resident for the duration of their time with you? – e.g. if they have a progressive condition such as Parkinson’s Disease, will the chair still be appropriate for them if their method of transfer changes or if they need increasing amounts of lateral support?
- Does your resident wish to be independent in controlling the chair or does a cognitive impairment prevent them from being able to manage this?

Chairs and cushioning

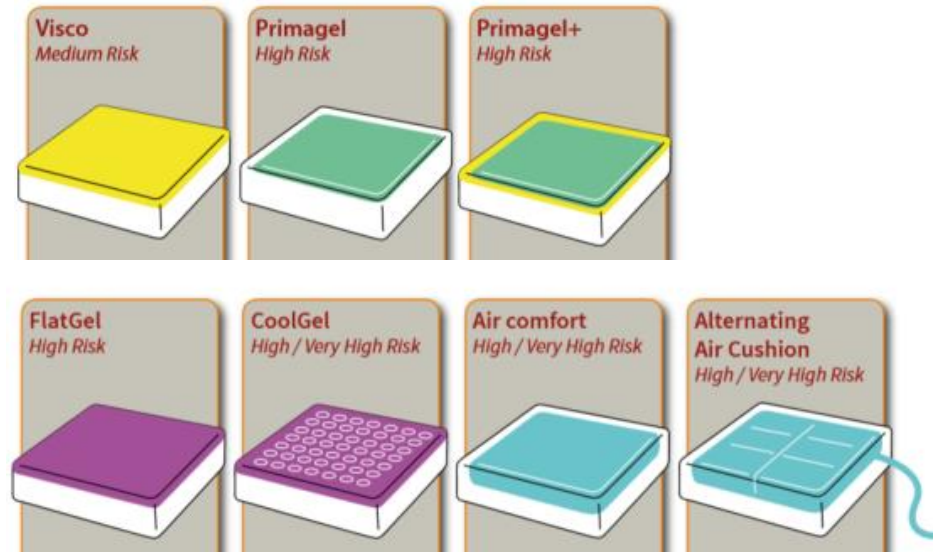
Accora, Solus Chair

The ‘Configura Solus’ and the ‘Prospect’ are riser recliner 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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Useful websites

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