

Criteria for the Provision of Children's Pushchairs (Buggies) and Definitions of the Different Categories of Children

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Children must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the provision of a pushchair or buggy:

1. Have no or limited ability to walk.
2. Are over the age of 2, unless they have specific needs (eg postural support).
It is recognised that able-bodied children up to this age will normally have buggies purchased by their carers.

Note i) Weather protection will not normally be supplied. This is considered to be the responsibility of carers.

Note ii) Twin buggies may be issued on the rare occasions they are required providing that at least one of the children has a disability which gives eligibility as above. In such cases, the needs of the disabled child take precedence for determining the appropriate prescription.

Categories of Children requiring Pushchairs

The prescription of pushchairs is based on the following categories of children and the associated seating support requirements:

- (1) No significant postural instability
 - require minimal support
 - require limited adjustability of support, primarily of footrest
 - lightweight
 - foldable
- (2) Mild postural instability
 - require moderate level of support i.e. firm seat/backrest
 - some adjustability, especially footrest and backrest angle
 - size adjustability or range of sizes
 - lightweight if possible
 - foldable
- (3) Moderate postural instability
 - require potentially total support but not necessarily intimate
 - firm seat/backrest
 - adjustable, especially footrest and backrest angle
 - foldable
 - lightweight useful but not essential
- (4) Severe postural instability
 - require extensive, intimate support
 - firm support
 - lightweight, adjustable in all components
 - adjustable, including tilt and backrest angle, footrest position
 - foldable or dismantlable