

# Criteria for the Provision of Second Wheelchairs

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In general, the Scottish Wheelchair Service aims to meet the primary clinical, social, and mobility needs of its patients with one wheelchair.

Exceptions to this rule are made for a small proportion of patients where there is a specific need for a second wheelchair. The large majority of these exceptions relate to the provision of a basic manual wheelchair as a back up to a powered wheelchair. Other examples include patients who have a second floor of their residence which is inaccessible and may receive a basic manual wheelchair for use upstairs.

The second wheelchair is considered of secondary importance and is of a more basic and simpler type than the primary issue.

## **Exclusion**

Wheelchairs required specifically for use in educational or vocational establishments are considered to be the responsibility of the relevant establishment.