

Wheelchair loan and hire

When someone needs a wheelchair because of illness or disability, it can be difficult to know where to find appropriate help. People with serious long-term conditions are entitled to a wheelchair, provided free of charge by the National Health Service (NHS).

If a wheelchair is needed because of a 'short-term' illness (less than six months) for any reason other than terminal illness, neither the NHS nor the local authority is obliged to supply a wheelchair. To meet this need several local organisations operate loan schemes and there are a number of mobility shops that provide hire services.

The organisations listed in this factsheet provide wheelchairs or mobility scooters for loan or hire on a short term basis. We advise you to book in advance and check the charge or deposit required.

NHS Wheelchair Service

If you, or someone you know, require a wheelchair for long-term use, it may be provided free of charge by the NHS Wheelchair Service. This service can be accessed by a referral from a GP, Consultant, Physiotherapist or Occupational Therapist, and includes a full assessment by an occupational therapist to ensure that each individual's needs are met appropriately.

If the NHS Voucher Scheme operates you may be entitled to a voucher that allows you to buy a wheelchair of a higher value than the one recommended, provided you fund the cost difference. However, wheelchairs can only be purchased from an 'approved supplier'.

Wheelchair loan/hire schemes

Able to Enable Harrogate **01423 880882**
Hookstone Park, Harrogate, HG2 7DB

Able to Enable York **01904 690666**
Crockey Hill, York, YO19 4SJ
Manual wheelchairs £35 per week; the minimum hire period is one week. All items are to collect – there is no delivery service. If monthly hire required call for further details.

Age UK North Craven **01729 823066**
Cheapside, Settle BD24 9EW
No charge, but donations welcome. Designed for short term help, up to 2 weeks, but can be rebooked if necessary. Deposit scheme of £20.



Airedale Shopping Centre 01535 664198

Centre Management Office (located on level 1 of car park), Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley BD21 3QQ

Wheelchairs and scooters available for hire at no charge, for customers of the Airedale Shopping Centre and car park only. Service provided by Easyhome Mobility. Requires completion of a simple request form and proof of ID. Wheelchairs will be collected and returned to Centre Management Office (CMO) on the level 1 car park.

Boroughbridge & District Community Care 01423 324504

17 St James Square, Boroughbridge YO51 9AR.

Wheelchair hire for short or long term loans, no max or minimum period for hire at a cost of £5 per week as a donation

British Red Cross - Mobility Aids 0300 4561914 www.redcross.org.uk

- Charge £22 a week, with free wheelchair accessories. Flexible hire periods with a minimum of 1 week and up to 12 weeks. To extend this you will need to discuss with British Red Cross. Delivery and collection of the wheelchair is for an additional £25.00 charge in most areas; it will come fully assembled for your convenience. Wheelchairs can be collected at the following locations:

Mobility Aids, Leeds

Bradbury House, 2 Armley Court, Armley Road, Leeds LS12 2LB

Mobility Aids Bradford FC

Bradford FC, Valley Parade, Bradford, BD8 7DY

Northallerton

Carrick House, Thurston Road, Northallerton DL6 2NA

Scunthorpe Tesco Car Park

Gallagher Park, Doncaster Road, Scunthorpe, DN15 8GR

In addition, wheelchairs can be collected from the Leeds and Northallerton sites in person.

Equality Together, Bradford Disability Services 01274 594173

Manningham Mills Community Centre, Lilycroft Road, Bradford BD9 5BD

Wide range of wheelchairs available for hire.

Charge £5 per day hire; £20 per week hire; £50 refundable deposit. Collect from Manningham Mills.

Howden Hall Mobility 01535 611776

Prospect House, South Street, Keighley BD21 1AH

No deposit required. Proof of ID needed. Charge £3 per day, £18 per week, £60 per 4 weeks. After 4 weeks charge reduces to £10 per week. Delivery available for a charge, dependent upon distance.



National Mobility Hire 03700 949808

Hire out scooters, electric wheelchairs (from £20 per week), lightweight wheelchairs (from £6 per week), walkers, children's manual wheelchairs (from £7.50 per week). The minimum hire period is 4 weeks and there is a charge for delivery and collection as well as a refundable deposit.

Rise Furniture and Mobility 01423 526737

34c Leeds Road, Harrogate HG2 8BQ

Manual wheelchairs and transit chairs available.

Charge from £10 per day. Advance booking required. Delivery available.

Shopmobility Bradford 01274 434076

Oastler Centre, 43 John Street Market, Bradford, BD1 3SR

Wheelchairs and scooters available for use in Keighley town centre with no charge but donations welcome. All users must register to use the service, this includes completing a registration form and a practical assessment. At busy times there may be a limit placed on the length of hire. Shopmobility is open on Wednesday and Saturday 9am to 1pm.

Shopmobility Harrogate 01423 556778

Victoria Car Park Level 10, East Parade, Harrogate HG1 5LQ

Provides wheelchairs and mobility scooters for use in Harrogate town centre.

Charge: manual wheelchair £3.50 per day; electric mobility scooter £6.50 per day.

Book in advance: proof of ID required.

Shopmobility Keighley 01535 618225

6-12 Cooke Street, Keighley BD21 3NN

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You might consider buying a wheelchair if it is needed for occasional or short-term use. Prices start at under £100 for lightweight models. These can be purchased from local mobility equipment stores, pharmacies and some supermarkets. A wide range of wheelchair suppliers can also be found online.

Disclaimer

Please note: inclusion in this list does not imply recommendation or endorsement by Carers' Resource. The list may not include all wheelchair provision in your area.

If you need further information or would like to discuss any aspect of your caring role, please contact Carers' Resource:



Telephone: 0808 50 15 939

Harrogate

Unit 3, Grove Park Court, Grove Park Terrace, Harrogate, HG1 4DP

Bradford

15 Park View Court, St Paul's Road, Shipley, BD18 3DZ

Selby

Portholme Road, Selby, YO8 4QQ

Skipton

Ronaldsway House, 36 Brook Street, Skipton, BD23 1PP

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