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## **Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Wheelchair Services eligibility criteria within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

Please could I have a copy of your Wheelchair Services eligibility criteria?

### [Eligibility criteria](#)

Patients registered with a Sefton General Practitioner (GP) from birth upwards may be referred with any condition that physically impacts on their mobility. Referral is open to health and social care professionals, the independent sector and the public. The patient's consent to referral is required regardless of the source of referral.

Referrals are accepted from GPs, health care professionals, health visitors, district nurses, social workers, social services professionals, voluntary agencies. Self-referrals are also accepted.

### [Exclusion criteria](#)

Clients with short term mobility needs i.e. wheelchair need is for less than 6 months (for which short term loan wheelchairs are provided via Sefton Equipment Stores).

Wheelchairs requested to manage a clients' challenging behaviour.

The service does not provide electric powered wheelchairs for outdoor use only. A client is assessed for and provided with a wheelchair for indoor or indoor-outdoor mobility.

The service does not provide attendant controlled electric powered wheelchairs. A client is assessed for and provided with a wheelchair for independent mobility.

Clients for electric powered indoor- outdoor wheelchairs must meet the service criteria.