



Fact Sheet SAH06 December 2013

# Prescriptions for community equipment

## What is community equipment?

Community equipment are simple items which make it easier to get about and manage everyday tasks like washing and cooking. Examples include raised toilet seats, grab rails, shower stools or a walking frame.

## How does the prescription work?

A social worker will visit you at home to assess what equipment you may need. If you are eligible for support from the Council, he or she will give you a **prescription to the value of £100**.

You can then exchange this at any accredited local retailer, such as a mobility shop or pharmacy, for the required items. In some cases, the shop will deliver and install equipment. If you cannot visit the shop yourself, you can ask someone else to pick it up for you.

If you would prefer a more expensive version of the item you have been prescribed, you will need to pay the difference yourself. The equipment you buy with the prescription is now your property.

## Disposing of equipment

If and when you no longer require the equipment you can dispose of it at the Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre, Summers Lane, Finchley N12 0RF.



## More information

### Social Care Direct

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