



INFORMATION SHEET 15

EQUIPMENT, AIDS & ADAPTATIONS

There are many aids, gadgets, pieces of equipment and clothing designed to make life easier for people with a disability. Some aids may be a 'one-off' to solve a specific problem, others are everyday products which make a difficult task easier.

This information sheet aims to give you some useful contact details of organisations that can help you to obtain the right equipment.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

Loans wheelchairs, medical equipment and commodes on a short-term basis. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am—1pm. Phone your nearest office:

Heatons 0784 3501 164

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BRITISH TELECOM AGE & DISABILITY

Produces a guide to services and equipment for disabled customers and can help with choice of telephone and equipment. Phone 0800 91 95 91 for more details.

DISABLED LIVING SERVICES MANCHESTER

Displays gadgets and equipment to aid the lives of disabled people and carers. Can offer physical assessments, advice, information and counselling. Offers training in moving and handling, continence care etc. Confidential helpline for people with bowel or bladder problems, and a display of products and supporting information. Telephone 0161 214 5959 for more details.

HOME EQUIPMENT STORE

Can offer a temporary loan of equipment, following assessment, such as bathing aids, toileting aids, mattresses etc. Referral to this service is through your GP, District Nurse, Health Visitor, Therapy Services or Adult Social Care.

SHOPMOBILITY STOCKPORT

Offers scooters, powered and manual wheelchairs available for use in the centre of Stockport. Open Monday to Saturday, and membership is required. Telephone 0161 666 1100 for more details.

SIGNPOST STOCKPORT

Offers free hire of manual wheelchairs, either short-term or long-term. Currently have 12 different sizes of wheelchair. Please telephone 0161 456 2808 for more details and check for availability.

WHEELCHAIR NHS

Wheelchairs needed for permanent use are available from the NHS following referral by your GP to the Wheelchair service. There is an assessment made before this service is available.

PRIVATE BUSINESSES

There are many private businesses in the Stockport area offering equipment that may help.

They are listed in the Yellow Pages or Thomson Local under 'Disability Equipment - Suppliers'.