

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/295

Subject: Wheelchair Services

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which wheelchair services do you oversee 2. When providing a powered wheelchair do you have specific criteria regarding ramping and the width of internal doorframes. When considering a ramp into a home what are the lengths and angle requirements and what door measurements are acceptable 3. Do you offer personal wheelchair budgets to your service users 4. Are people living with Motor Neurone Disease prioritised in your services and what is the normal waiting time for an initial assessment. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. North Bristol Trust provide NHS Wheelchair services in this area 2. We do not hold this data – suggest the enquiry is directed to NBT https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/bristol-centre-enablement/referral-centre 3. Yes, patients who qualify for an NHS wheelchair can be offered a personal budget to source the chair 4. Yes but not just MND patients – our Service Specification states: <p>SUPPORTING SERVICE USERS WITH TERMINAL ILLNESS/AT END OF LIFE</p> <p>For Service Users with a terminal illness or end of life pathway identified at referral as being on the Gold Standard Framework (https://www.goldstandardsframework.org.uk/) and who meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has a permanent need for a wheelchair and will expect to use the equipment on a regular basis, at least 4 days a week for more than 1 hour. ○ Is registered to a GP in the area covered by the Wheelchair and Special seating service



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	the provider will provide a clinically appropriate wheelchair which best meets the needs of the Service User within 4 weeks for a manual chair and 10 weeks for a powered chair.
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 9 November 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.