

WILTSHIRE CONTINENCE SERVICE

Eligibility Criteria for Supply of Continence Pads

- Children registered with Wiltshire GP's, from their 4th birthday, with a medically diagnosed condition or disability, in receipt of Disability Living Allowance, following completion of a request form from a healthcare professional. Children's product request forms are to be completed by HV/School Nursing Team and sent to the Salisbury continence office. Subsequent changes to requirements will be following updates from the child's parent/carer and they should be advised to contact the Salisbury continence team on 01722 323196.
- Adults registered with Wiltshire GP's
- Adult continence assessments are to be carried out by a Health Care Professional using the Wiltshire Integrated care pathway.
- The individual experiences incontinence throughout the 24 hour period i.e. not solely nocturnal enuresis.
- The individual experiences a level of incontinence greater than light stress incontinence. (Generally considered to be small leaks that can be managed with a panty liner or light "tena lady" style pad.)
- The individual experiences ongoing faecal incontinence more than twice a day, despite investigation and treatment.
- The individual requires a body worn pad with a level of absorbency above Rothwell band **18** (small light absorbency pad). (System of banding continence products developed by former PaSA in conjunction with Dr Alan Cottenden and members of the national consultation group for continence and urology. It is based on ISO 11984-1 and total absorbency levels.)
- To require 2 - 4 incontinence body worn pads of **18** or above per 24 hours.
- If an individual chooses to supplement their supply of pads by purchasing their own, they will still be eligible to receive products from the continence service.
- Where an individual is at high risk of falls at night or are unable to be toileted, they may be supplied a single high absorbency pad to negate the need for toileting, providing they have had a pressure ulcer risk assessment.

Limitations of the Eligibility Criteria

- A maximum of 4 pads per 24 hours are supplied. Exceptions to this will arise in certain clinical situations such as terminal illness, or where the individuals output exceeds the functional capacity of 4 pads. The Continence Nurse Specialist may approve exceptions determined by specialist clinical knowledge.
- Incontinence pads with an absorbency below **18** will not be supplied
- "Pull up pants" will not be supplied. Individuals whom have previously been in receipt of these products will be reassessed by the clinician for alignment to the range of products supplied through the ICESS contract.
- Bed and chair protection will not be supplied
- Individuals with nocturnal enuresis will not be supplied.
- Individuals with indwelling catheters will not be supplied unless for faecal incontinence.
- Individuals, whom experience urinary leakage post urological surgery such as Radical prostatectomy, will be required to purchase their own supplies until their assessment in the continence clinic. Appointments are usually 2-4 weeks post-op. Following assessment NHS supply may be commenced if they are eligible.

Individuals are responsible for sourcing and purchasing products in these situations but the service may be able to signpost where to get them.

Our Values

Service Teamwork Ambition Respect