

Cwm Taf Health Board, Children and Young people's Directorate Panel
Criteria for the Supply of Children's Beds

A request for supply of specialist cots/beds/ must be developed and submitted by the multi-disciplinary team accompanied by a comprehensive assessment including the information detailed below

1. Equipment	Specialist children's beds/profiling beds/cot beds
2. Preferred suppliers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Equipment Store • Preferred suppliers - contract currently in place with Huntleigh for bed / mattress provision but if requirements cannot be met other supplies can be approached
3. Principles of provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow for complex healthcare needs to be met at home/community environment • Maintenance and promotion of independence is enabled • Supply is considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where identified health care needs exist requiring specialist nursing care in the home ○ If a child/young person has no independent functional movement – leading to potential problems with pressure sores/respiratory complications – risk assessed using the Glamorgan tool and clinical judgement with plan of care developed (as per local guideline) ○ To minimise manual handling risk to health care professionals whilst delivering specialist nursing care in the home/community environment ○ A child/young person needs careful positioning because of risk e.g.: overnight feeds, aspiration, physical disability, chest complications, ventilation; or to aid lung expansion Where activities as listed in point 4 have been considered and/or undertaken ○ Where factors listed in point 5 below have been taken into consideration
4. Adaptation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to application, consideration of the following is required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adaptation of a child/young person's own bed including use of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manual backrest – ** not be used with alternating pressure mattress ▪ lifting hoist ▪ lifting pole ▪ bed raisers ▪ mattress elevator
5. Other factors for consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following require careful consideration prior to application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No health care need requiring specialist nursing care in the home/community has been identified ○ The child/young person can mobilise independently/with minimal assistance ○ The main identified need relates to behavioural and/or social difficulties ○ A bed used by the child/young person has been previously provided by the Local Authority ○ A bed used by the child/young person has been purchased using continuing healthcare package from out of area ○ There is insufficient room within the home to manoeuvre a bed frame ○ Whether an application for funding via continuing healthcare is indicated ○ The maintenance arrangements for recommended equipment ○ Specific mattress needs as must be compatible with the bed frame ○ Safety side requirements – and how these can be safely met
Core members multidisciplinary team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Community Nurse • Special School Nurse • Specialist Health Visitor • Physiotherapist • Occupational Therapist • Consultant/GP • Manual Handling Advisor • Tissue Viability Nurse
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of up to £5,000 by Directorate Manager • Applications over £5,000 to Divisional Manager

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Options for supply – Huntleigh or Kinderkey								
in July 2010, a WAG/HSE requirement will apply stating all patients receiving nursing care in bed should be provided with electric profiling bed								
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Electric Profiling Bed	Electric height adjustment 18–30" 12-24" set on lower bracket	6' x L 3' x W	Electric backrest	Manual knee adjustment (2 section bed) Electric knee adjustment (4 section bed)	28 stone	Able to go upstairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terminally illness being nursed in bed 18 – 24 hours a day • Being nursed in bed 18+ hours a day and needs to be able to change position independently due to carer constraints • Severely impaired mobility and unable to change position themselves • Respiratory problems, needs to be able to adjust seating position rapidly and a mattress variator is unsuitable • Being PEG fed in bed and needs electric backrest to and manual backrest is unable to be used 	