

Costs

The costs of the assessment and involvement of staff are met, if the client's local Primary Care Trust has a service level agreement with the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre NHS Trust. This will be checked before an appointment is made.

If there is no service level agreement an application will be made to the clients Primary Care Trust.

Equipment that is recommended is not funded by the centre with the exception of some small items such as collars and shoulder supports . Costs for other equipment are usually met by the local services.

Prior to completing an assessment of mobile arm supports, funding for this equipment must be identified and agreed. Other areas of assessment (e.g. posture) can be completed without the need for an up front funding agreement.

Please contact the centre for up to date pricing for mobile arm supports.

Motor Neurone Disease Service

A leaflet for professionals

This leaflet describes the Motor Neurone Disease Service provided by Specialist Disability Service as part of the Oxford Centre for Enablement at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre NHS Trust

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Introduction

We are an experienced team of professionals who offer a specialist service for the management of people with complex disabilities and offer a service specifically for people with Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

We see people from all parts of the country. Appointments are usually carried out in the client's own home but can also be done at the centre.

MND is a relatively rare condition. As a result of the nature of the condition and low prevalence, awareness among the public and health care professionals can be low. This service provides a holistic and comprehensive assessment of need and can include the provision of customised equipment such as mobile arm supports.

The team comprises:

Occupational and physiotherapists, speech and language therapists, technical instructors, clinical scientists, rehab engineers and administrative staff.

Practical advice is provided in these areas:

- Postural management, including head & shoulder support.
- Arm & hand function, including the assessment and supply of Mobile Arm Supports
- Moving and Handling
- Computer Access
- Augmentative & Alternative Communication (Communication Aids).
- Personal care, including clothing adaptations.
- Recreation.

Mobile Arm Supports

Mobile arm supports (MAS) are designed to:

- Support weak arms in a functional position.
- Increase horizontal work area available to the hand.
- Provide some vertical movement of the forearm.
- Provide supination of the forearm.

To use successfully, a person needs minimal active movement of the shoulder girdle & pain free passive range.

Head Supports

A common problem for people with MND is achieving a comfortable functional head position. This is caused by weakness of the neck muscles and overall reduced postural control. Head control needs to be considered with total body posture.

Assessment of a variety of collars is available completed in conjunction with a postural assessment

How to access the service.

Referrals can be made by Social or Health Care professionals.

Referral forms can be obtained by phoning 01865 227447

More detailed information on the service is available on request.