

In 2019, the total number of NHS hospital beds in England was 141,000, in comparison to 1987/88 when there were 299,000 NHS hospital beds available (Kings Fund 2020).

With fewer beds available today and a growing and ageing population, reducing bed occupancy is of high importance to improve the flow of the working and care environment, reduce A&E crowding and enable patients to be treated in the right bed by the clinical teams with the right skills, avoiding the potential for hospital-related functional decline in patients.



A stay in hospital over 10 days leads to **10 years of muscle ageing** for some people who are most at risk



Extensive use of audit tools has shown 20% to 25% of admissions and 50% of bed days **do not require an 'acute' hospital bed** as these patients' medical needs could be met at a more appropriate, usually lower, level of care



35% of 70-year-old patients **experience functional decline during hospital admission** in comparison with their pre-illness baseline; for people over 90 this increases to 65%



39% of people delayed in hospital could have been **discharged using different, usually lower dependency, pathways and services** more suited to meeting their assessed needs

NHS – Guide to reducing long hospital stays

In 2016/17 the estimated delayed transfer cost NHS providers £173million

House of Commons, 2017.

Find out how Direct Healthcare Group's Discharge Package Rental Solution can improve patient flow and early discharges.

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Discharge from an acute setting can be an uncertain and costly time if the discharge route is blocked by lack of supply of equipment, or a care package is unassigned. The **Discharge Rental Solution** can improve clinical outcomes and enable a safe discharge.

Package 1: Non-ambulant Client



Proteus Community Bed
220kg SWL. Bed frame.
Order Code: 0130



Dyna-Form Mercury Advance SMARTcare
254kg SWL. Hybrid mattress.
Order Code: 0417



WendyLett Base Sheet 1641
300kg SWL. 900 x 2000mm.
Order Code: 0561



WendyLett4Way with Handles 1657
200kg SWL. Sliding drawsheet with 7 handles.
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Pro-Axis Riser Recliner
140kg SWL. 19" or 22" seat widths.
Order Code: 0505



Combi-chair Commode
150kg SWL.
Order Code: 0580



Carina350EE
165kg SWL. Mobile hoist with manual or electric base widening, fitted with SlingBar M. Low leg option also available.
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FST-300 Gantry & RiseAtlas Lift
138kg SWL. Portable gantry.
Order Code: 0551



HighBackSling
300kg SWL. Polyester.
Available in sizes XXS to XXL.
Order Code: 0570

References:

- Kings Fund (2020), <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/nhs-hospital-bed-numbers>
- NHS Guide to reducing long hospital stays https://improvement.nhs.uk/documents/2898/Guide_to_reducing_long_hospital_stays_FINAL_v2.pdf
- House of Commons, Delayed transfer of care in the NHS file:///C:/Users/STB3/Downloads/CBP-7415.pdf

Package 2: Ambulant Client



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140kg SWL. 19" or 22" seat widths.
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Sit-to-stand & Transfer:



ReTurn7500i
150kg SWL. Rehabilitative sit-to-stand and transfer device.
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170kg SWL. Sit-to-stand and transfer device.
Order Code: 0511

How Direct Healthcare Group can help support discharge pathways:



Direct Healthcare Group have 6 strategically located depots to ensure maximum delivery and service efficiently across the UK
A dedicated 24 hour, 7 days a week, 365 days a year helpline with all calls answered personally



An extensive rental portfolio that meets the specific needs of the NHS



Delivery of fully decontaminated, functioning products installed in a specific location by a Rental & Service Technician who will give you a walkthrough of the features of the products



Repair or replacement of any non-working product during the rental period



Flexible rental solutions allow you to maximise your budget, only paying for what you use and allowing you to focus your resources on the areas under most pressure



Direct Healthcare Group offer a comprehensive block rental solution that can be tailored to specific needs of the trust and your patients

For more information, or to order, call our dedicated 24-hour Service & Rental helpline: **0800 879 9289**