

NHS - FACTSHEET NO. 12

NHS Low Income Scheme

The NHS Low Income Scheme provides help, on a means-tested basis, with health costs such as charges for NHS prescriptions

This includes:

NHS prescriptions

NHS dental treatment

Sight tests and contact lenses

Travel to receive NHS treatment

NHS wigs and fabric supports

You do not need to fill in an HC1 if you, or your partner if you have one, are:

- getting Income Support
- getting Universal Credit
- getting income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- getting income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- getting Pension Credit Guarantee Credit
- named on, or entitled to, an NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate

Telephone: **0300 330 1343 or 0191 279 0565**

NHS Wheelchair Voucher Scheme

NHS wheelchair services offer assessments to determine what type of wheelchair or mobility equipment you may be entitled to on the NHS.

A wheelchair voucher scheme has been available since 1996. It gives you greater choice in the wheelchair you receive. You're given a voucher to the value of the chair you would have been offered after your assessment (which is determined locally in each individual case). You can then put the voucher towards the cost of a chair that you buy privately or in partnership with the NHS.

If you agree to maintenance of the chair by the NHS, you will have to return the chair to the NHS when you no longer need it. However, you can opt for private maintenance, which will allow you to keep the chair permanently.

Not all NHS wheelchair services offer the voucher scheme. Services decide locally whether to have a scheme and how that scheme is applied.

For local information please visit:

<http://www.wheelchairmanagers.nhs.uk/services.html>

And specifically for Hillingdon, please contact Hillingdon Wheelchair Service on **01895 484 881**

Hillingdon Center for Independent Living:

Provide free, independent advice and support to people who experience difficulties with daily living because of illness, getting older, a disability or an accident.

For more information, please contact HCIL:

By telephone : **01895 484880**

By e-mail: **cnw-tr.hcfil@nhs.net**

By Post: **Hillingdon Centre for Independent Living, Wood End Centre, Judge Heath Lane, Hayes, UB3 2PB**

Or <http://www.hillingdoncentreforindependentliving.org.uk/#>