

# Information to Help You: Factsheet 6

## HOW TO GET EQUIPMENT

### **Occupational Therapist (OT) Adult Social Care**

Staff from the Council's Occupational Therapy Teams can visit you at home to see if you need equipment such as hoists, grab rails, specialist cutlery, etc and possibly adaptations to your home such as banisters or ramps.

For more information telephone: 01642 726004. You can also fill in an Occupational Therapy Assessment "on line" [www.middlesbrough.gov.uk](http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk)

### **Independent Living Centre**

The Independent Living Centre is a resource and advice centre. It has a range of equipment and daily living aids available for you to look at. You can make an appointment to ask for advice from an Occupational Therapist. The Centre is run jointly by Adults Social Care and South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. For more information contact 01642 250749 or visit [www.ilcmiddlesbrough.co.uk](http://www.ilcmiddlesbrough.co.uk)

### **If Your Hoist Breaks Down**

If you have a hoist which has broken down please contact Teesside Community Equipment Service (TCES) for assistance by telephoning 01642 224205. If you ring "out of office hours" the answer machine will provide an alternative emergency contact number.

### **Returning Equipment**

If you no longer need your equipment you can contact Teesside Community Equipment Service (TCES) to make arrangements to return it. For more information telephone 01642 726004 or visit [www.middlesbrough.gov.uk](http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk)

If another agency has helped provide you with the equipment they can also help you return this equipment by helping you to find the numbers for other agencies.

### **Getting Money for Equipment from a Charity**

The Independent Age Charity offers information and advice for older people, their families and Carers. It may be able to provide one off grants and mobility equipment.

For more information telephone 08003196789, e-mail [advice@independentage.org](mailto:advice@independentage.org) or visit [www.independentage.org.uk](http://www.independentage.org.uk)

## **Florence Nightingales Aid in Sickness Trust**

Provide grants where funding is not readily available from other sources towards medical items and services for children and adults whose lives are impaired by severe health problems. Telephone 02079988817 or visit [www.fnaist.org.uk](http://www.fnaist.org.uk)

## **Turn2us**

A National Charity which helps people in financial hardship. The online data base allows access to check welfare benefits, making sure you are claiming all of your entitlement. There is a tool to help search for grants along with a list of charities and other organisations who work with people in financial need.

For more information visit [www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk)

## **Getting a Wheelchair or Scooter for You**

Your GP can refer you to the Wheelchair Service at James Cook University Hospital which can provide a wheelchair or a scooter for you.

They can provide information about repairs and maintenance. They can also demonstrate to you and your family how to push, dismantle, fold and to put your wheelchair into a car.

For information about getting a wheelchair or scooter on short-term loan please refer to Fact Sheet 3 – Out and About.

## **You can get a copy of these fact sheets by**

visiting [www.middlesbrough.gov.uk](http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk), contacting your Social Worker / Care Manager, visiting the Central / Local Library.

If you would like to comment on the Factsheets please ring 01642 728305

For more information on services which may be able to help visit:

<https://www.middlesbroughmatters.co.uk>

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