

Wheelchair Design Project Professional Consultation

The NHS National Innovation Centre is funding a national project to design and develop a new wheelchair for kids. It's vital that the views of wheelchair users, parents, carers and professionals are included at all stages.

Please take a few minutes to tell us your views as a professional involved in supporting young wheelchair users.

All your answers will be kept anonymous.



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1. What is your profession?

- Physiotherapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Paediatrician
- Rehabilitation Engineer
- Clinical Scientist
- Paediatric Nurse
- School Nurse
- Psychologist
- Wheelchair Technician / Seating Specialist
- Orthopaedic Surgeon
- Health Visitor
- Other, give details _____

2. Do you see children who use any of the following equipment?

- Ventilator
- Oxygen
- Feeding pump
- Communication aid
- Suction equipment
- Continence aids
- Emergency medication eg. epilepsy
- Special wheelchair seating
- Other, give details _____

3. What is your involvement with wheelchairs?

- Assessment
- Prescription
- Working with children who use wheelchairs
- Attaching pieces of equipment e.g. communication aids to wheelchairs
- Integrating other technology with wheelchairs
- Other, give details _____

4. What age of children do you work with?

- Under 5
- 5 – 10
- 11 – 16
- 17 – 19
- 19 +

5. How would you prioritise the following for a chair (1-17)

- Easy to clean
- Easy to transport
- Easy to attach equipment
- Easy to adjust e.g. head support
- Ability to personalise e.g. change colour of parts etc.
- How the chair looks
- Ability to use the chair for toileting
- Powered
- Ability to be controlled by the child
- Ability to use same chair as child grows
- Ability to tilt the chair
- Ability to recline
- Ability to mount/dismount curb (we assume it will be designed to mount a dropped curb)
- Access to the child from the front
- Access to the child from the sides
- Access to the child from the back
- Other? _____

Comments: _____

6. If you were designing a new transport chair (wheelchair) what would be the key features you would include?

7. Any other comments?

Thank you for taking our survey!

Your participation is hugely appreciated. Please return no later than 14th May to:

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