

SUMMARY OF TRUST'S ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

	Dartford & Gravesham NHS Trust	East Kent Hospitals University Trust	Medway NHS Trust
Decision maker	Can only be booked by a medical practitioner or their designated representative or a ward nurse.	Authorised by lead therapist.	Determined either by a healthcare professional or by non-clinically qualified staff who are clinically supervised and/or working within locally agreed protocols or guidelines.
How decided	Scored against fitness, mobility, visual or hearing impairment, mental health, general health and social factors.	A registered Nurse is accountable for undertaking assessment against the criteria for in-patient discharge. Scoring system isn't publicly available.	Scored against fitness, mobility, visual or hearing impairment, mental health, general health and social factors.
Escorts	Escorts allowed depending on the severity of the patient's medical condition. Assessment to be signed off by the Consultant of Care or General Practitioner.	Carer only conveyed if their presence is essential for the journey.	Provided where the escorts particular skills and/or support are needed.
Notes		Exceptional non-medical need (lack of availability of other forms of transport and the distance to be travelled) at the discretion of the patient's GP or lead therapist	

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Criteria	Weighting	Weighting
Fully mobile	0	0
Limited mobility 50-100 metres	1	1
Limited mobility to less than 50 metres	2	2
Walks unaided	0	0
Needs walking aid(s)/chair at hospital	1	1
Needs carry chair to/from hospital	2	-
Needs to travel in own wheelchair	2	2
Needs to travel on stretcher	4	4
Requires escort	1	1
Child under 16	1	-
Is likely to be receiving bad news	1	-
All senses	-	0
Blind	-	2
Registered blind	2	-
Partially sighted	1	-
Deaf	-	1
Totally deaf	2	-
Hard of hearing	1	-
Mute/speech impaired	2	-
Mental health problems	2	-
Dementia	2	2
Learning disabilities	2	2
Chronic ill health	1	1
Acute ill health	2	2
Leg in full POP cast	2	2
Major surgery within last 6 weeks	2	2
Condition or procedure precludes driving or alternative transport	1	1
Has to be@ DCU BY 0700hrs		2