

## **PROFILING BED ORDERS - IS IT ESSENTIAL?** **ALTERNATIVES TO BE CONSIDERED**

We have seen a high demand for profiling beds and we are mindful that our stock levels may be unable to cope should this demand remain or increase.

When prescribing please could we ask you to consider the following:

### **Is the profiling bed the only option? What are the alternative options?**

<b>Options to consider</b>	<b>Core stock available</b>
Moving the existing bed to another location.	-
Raising the patient's existing bed	Langham MPR (Multi-purpose raisers) – fits majority of beds Adjustable raisers – designed to fit beds with thin legs
Using a mattress elevator and/or knee brake on the patient's existing bed	DreamMaster options – sits under patient's own mattress
Consider a grab handle to assist with turning themselves or transferring within the patient's existing bed	Notts 2 in 1 – For use on slatted and hard top divan beds (PLEASE NOTE: NOT SUITABLE FOR SPRUNG DIVAN BASE BEDS) Parnell – for sprung divan base beds (special order item)
Backrest to assist patient to sit supported in bed. Note: Suitable for patients that are able to re-position themselves	Backrest – sits under pillow
Bed wedges on the patient's existing bed – to decrease risk of rolling out of bed	Single and double bed wedges and draw sheet
Bed mobility systems – to enable the patient and/or carer to re-position patient more easily.	Large tubular glide sheets Etac Satin sheets/Wendylett sheets – Would require authorisation from special panel – monitored daily.

Further information on all of these items can be found on the ELMS system.  
If these are items that you are unfamiliar with or you would like some further advice, please contact us for support and advice:

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Your support is much appreciated