

CONTINENCE ADVISORY SERVICE

GUIDELINES FOR ISSUE OF WASHABLE BEDSHEETS

1. CRITERIA FOR USE OF WASHABLE BEDSHEETS

The following apply:-

- Clients who have an up to date completed Continence Assessment Form and Frequency Volume Chart.
- There must be agreement or recommendation from the Continence Service for washable bedsheets to be issued.
- Bodyworn products have failed to contain incontinence, which has resulted in a wet bed.
- Bodyworn products are not worn with bedsheets.
- Client's nightwear should not be in contact with the bedsheet, as it will get wet compromising the client's skin. (See section NOT SUITABLE FOR)
- There must be facilities to wash and dry the sheets as per manufacturers instructions.

2. HOW TO APPLY FOR WASHABLE BEDSHEETS

- Clients must meet the above criteria.
- Complete Application Form (available in Continence Resource Pack).
- Send completed Application Form along with client's Assessment Form and Frequency Volume Chart to the Continence Service, Inverurie Hospital, Upperboat Road, Inverurie AB51 3UL.
- If authorisation is given the bedsheets will be ordered by the Continence Advisory Service and delivered to the client's home or care home.
- The above information should be recorded in the client's notes.

3. HOW MANY WILL BE ISSUED AND WHEN

- 3 bedsheets will be issued every 2 years.
- Before re-issuing a further supply of bedsheets a review will be undertaken to determine if the client meets the criteria.

4. BEDSHEETS ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR

- Male clients' as sole containment, as the top sheet will get wet.
- Clients' who wear night-clothes below the waist.
- Patients who have faecal incontinence