If you wish to be part of the IAM project please complete the consent form overleaf and return to the Safe Handling Coordinator.

Integrated Assisted Move (IAM)

A leaflet explaining the integrated approach for moving people from home to a health care environment
Moving patients from home to health care settings can be stressful. The following can cause challenges:

- size
- lack of mobility
- health conditions
- living environment

The IAM project offers an integrated approach to planning your move. Its particularly useful if your move is urgent.

**The IAM team are:**

- Family Nursing and Home Care
- Patient Transport Services
- Ambulance Services
- Fire & Rescue Services
- Safe Handling Coordinators
- Bed Manager
- Discharge Coordinator
- Pathology Department

If you want to be part of the IAM project, please complete the consent form below.

This form is for patients to give permission for their details to be shared with the IAM project.

Name

URN No ( if known)

Address

Postcode

Phone Number

Mobile

Concerns for IAM

Size          Weight          Health          Accommodation

Comment

I consent for my details to be stored and shared within the IAMS project as required.

I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I’m free to withdraw at any time, without giving reason and this will not compromise my care.

Sign                        Date
Example of how the team may work together

If you're admitted to hospital in an emergency, the:

- **Ambulance** service may need to respond and may need to call the **Fire Service** for help
- **Bed Manager** at the hospital may allocate you a suitable bed
- **Safe Handling Team** may locate suitable equipment to assist your move
- **Occupational Therapy** department may provide small aids to promote your independence
- **Discharge Coordinator** may arrange to get you home
- **Patient Transport Services** may transport you home
- **Family Nursing & Home Care** may visit you when you are home.

Reasons for an Integrated Approach

In urgent situations, different teams may work together. This approach ensures that these teams have a shared understanding of your needs and the needs of the lead agency responsible for your move.

Here are some situations where IAM may help:

- arranging for transfer to hospital
- evacuation from an upper floor
- specialist equipment is required for your hospital stay
- additional support is required once discharged from hospital
- assistance out of a car, for example, at the hospital.
Aim of the IAM team

The IAM give a standardised, best practice approach to moving larger people. It reduces risk of injury to you and the team assisting you.

It’s designed to:

- plan for your assisted move, should you need one. This includes a decision about whether your move is needed or can the services you require come to you
- provide the best care for you during your move
- ensure the lead agency responsible for your move has the correct support, advice and equipment
- Promote an agronomical approach and reduce the risk of injury

If you would like to be part of the IAM project, we need the following information:

**Your name and Address** - prior knowledge of any obstacles in your home, eg. stairs, lifts, narrow doorways. This is vital information should we need to move you in an emergency situation

**Weight** - is important from a clinical perspective, for example to calculate drug doses. It’s essential to ensure the equipment we use is strong enough to transport you safely

**Height** - like weight it’s also important. For example if you are under 5’3”, there are certain hospital beds that would not be suitable for you

**Body shape** - knowledge of your body shape helps us to plan for your comfort

**Mobility** - knowledge of your mobility helps us to plan the equipment needed

This information is stored on a secure database held by Health and Social Services. It’s not shared with other agencies of the IAM team unless required.

For further information, contact Safe handling Coordinator on 443241/ 445823.