## Special Seating Solutions

Optimal Fitting and Personal Care Ottobock Seating Clinic Leeds Quality for life

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### Focussing on your Mobility Welcome to Ottobock

Neurological conditions can have an enormous impact on the lives of people affected, and their families. One key question is how to manage everyday tasks.

In our Ottobock Clinics we support you with our thorough consultations and special seating solutions. Our special seats promote the right posture for improved digesting, circulation, respiratory functions, locomotion and social interaction.

Choosing the right seating solution for your comfort, support and safety, is the highest priority for us. Ottobock is a global provider of technologically superior orthopaedic products, wheelchairs, special seating and services, that are suitable for everyday use. For over 90 years, we have been making a positive contribution, in allowing people to retain or recover their freedom of movement.

Our Special Seating Clinic in Leeds is part of Ottobock's international network of orthopaedic facilities that are known for first class quality in terms of patient care.



# Let our experts introduce you to the Seating Clinic Leeds

Our Seating Clinic provides an unparalleled and comprehensive service that is personalised to meet the specific needs of our clients in terms of seating and mobility. It is our main objective to provide first-class seating and wheelchair options for maximum safety and comfort. Our team of professionals, consisting of therapists and seating engineers, is not only known for their long term expertise, but for conducting significant assessments as a basis for fitting you with our state of the art seating technology. The team will be happy to introduce you to our extensive portfolio of products and accessories and to assist you to choose the best possible option for your individual requirements.

At Leeds we take pride in our inclusive onsite fabrication facility allowing a quick delivery as just one of our numerous advantages. Abiding by our motto 'all from one source' – we accompany our clients from their very first consultation up to their final quality check.

Be assured that our experts will not rest until you are happy with your seating solution!



### Our Product Competence

#### Foam Carved Seat

The Ottobock foam carved seating system is manufactured from the highest quality pressure relieving foam, with a surface finish that cannot be paralleled. They are ideal if you experience pressure issues. Reinforcement can be built into these seats, to offer additional support in areas required. This seat can also be made using a lightweight firmer material, neopolon, if a light minimal seat is required. All these seats can be finished in a number of ways depending on your aesthetic tastes, to be as compact or enveloping as needed.







#### Moduled Seat Insert (MSI)

The Moulded Seat Insert (MSI) is a vacuum formed plastic impression of your seat shape. Comprising of two liners inside a firmer plastic shell, it can accommodate your growth, by removal of the liner layers. The seat design can incorporate a variety of reinforcing, to offer increased strength if you are strong and able to break your seat. Pressure recesses can also be introduced in areas where additional cushioning may be required.

#### Matrix Seat

The matrix seat is a contoured seat with superb ventilation properties, allowing airflow through and around it, whilst maintaining full surface contact with you. It also has the versatility to grow and adjust with you, allowing this seat to last for a number of years. We are happy to offer you a hybrid seat that can combine aspects and materials of all the different types of seats we manufacture. So your final seat is a unique prescription catered exclusively to your needs.





### **Referral Route**

Ottobock experts are actively contributing to users mobility not only at it's own clinics but also in approximately 60 NHS clinics. Find out below how to benefit from our services.

#### Self Referrals

We do accept self referrals, although we would suggest informing your GP beforehand. Your GP may provide you with further information to assist your appointment with us.

#### **NHS Referrals**

Ottobock maintains strong partnerships with many NHS trusts and are bound by contracts to provide many clinical services throughout the UK. Individuals may attend our clinics following GP/ Consultant referral and funding approval. Your GP may support your request for funding by addressing your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). We can assist in providing relevant information needed to support you referral application.

#### **Private Insurance**

We advise that you contact your insurance company to clarify what cover your policy provides.

### 9 Steps to a more comfortable & supportive Seating

Our special seats are manufactured with advanced technological solutions, making them ideal for everyday use and allowing you to continue living your daily life.

Your independence, comfort, support and safety in everyday situations are the highest priority for us. The key to custom moulded seating is to handle each case individually. There are a lot of parameters that must be considered so the seat can be tailored to your personal needs and requirements.

We would like to accompany you, throughout the process of attaining your special seat from the initial assessment to a supported aftercare regime. A clear structured procedure ensures our consistent provision of high-quality. Our treatment circle demonstrates the various phases of the process path followed in the Ottobock Private Seating Clinic.

You can reply on the professional support of our experienced rehabilitation team.

### **Ottobock Treatment Circle**

#### Follow-up

Count on us to stay at your side for continuous care.

#### **Quality Check**

Does your seat meet your everyday needs? Come in for a final quality check.

#### **Product Support**

Learn how to handle your new seat and make it an inherent part of your life.

#### Fitting

Now it is up to you to choose your wheelbase and the accessories for your seat.



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#### Assessment

A physical examination tells us what seating posture is best for your body.



#### Fitting Recommendation

You will be advised, what type of seating best suits your needs and promotes the best posture to fulfil your personal objectives.

#### Measurement

Our experienced and qualified seating engineer will take a mould of you, in the best posture for your needs.

#### Production

Taken from your very own scan, your shape will be precisely carved out by our state of the art technology.









### Starting the Special Seating Process Consultation and Assessment

The first steps in attaining your special seat, include a personal consultation and a detailed physical examination at our Ottobock Private Seating Clinic. In order to design your special seat, different factors are of importance:

- Your health
- Your physical needs and constraints
- Your personal goals
- Your private environment
- Your professional challenges

Special attention is taken to determine, the range of movement of all your joints, the equilibrium and alignment of your posture and finally the flexibility of your spine, neck and head. Ideal pressure distribution, comfort and functionality are our key objectives. The ideal position within the seat must respect your needs for eating, breathing and toileting. We also consider any spasms or reflexes you may experience and how the seat could best accommodate them.



### Select from a Variety of Options Fitting Recommendation

It is important to discuss your environmental needs at the initial assessment, so that your seat and wheelbase work well within your home environment and with your carers. We will also work with your carers to consider their needs when working with you. Carers should be able to easily help you into your seat and know that you are always correctly positioned within it. We consider it most important that your seat helps you to access all areas of your home, your local community and all transportation modes.

Understanding your abilities and aspirations is an extremely important part of the assessment process, so that an appropriate style of special seat can be chosen for you. We offer a range of moulded seats, with distinctive features that cater to your individual needs. Optimising pressure care, dissipating heat, water resistance, the ability to grow and adjust, and structural strength are some of the factors that are enhanced in specific seat types.

Ottobock provides a vast range of special seating, manufactured from a variety of materials and styles, such as the carved foam seat, the moulded seat inserts (MSI), the matrix seating system and hybrid seats that are combinations of different materials. Our seating systems are made to the highest quality standards and are finished to promote your comfort and happiness.















### Taking a Precise Mould Measurement

You will be moulded by our Ottobock Seating Engineer in the best sitting position for you. Our moulding bags are shaped to provide you with the best pressure relief, support and comfort wherever you need it. Once the ideal shape is moulded, the bags are vacuumed to retain a firm shape so that they may be scanned. This technique is precise and has been proven to work throughout many years of successful production.

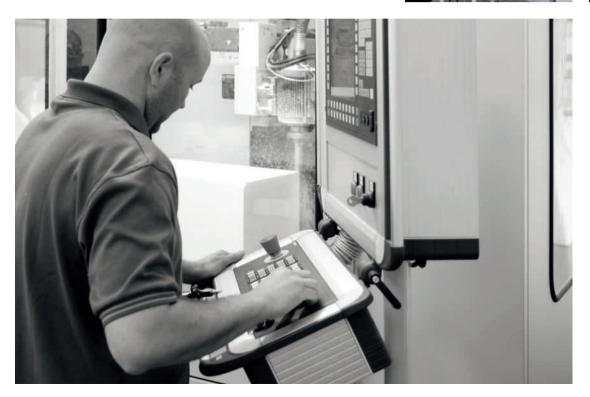


### Making your Custom-fit Seating Production

Your seat shape is recorded precisely, by scanning it into Ottobock's own CAD (Computer-Aided Design) software. This approach is a clean and efficient way to transfer all of the shape's information. Ottobock have been using this progressive technique for years, leading the way, within the field of special seating. All the shapes recorded, are archived indefinitely, so they may be accessed at any time for replacement or additional seats.

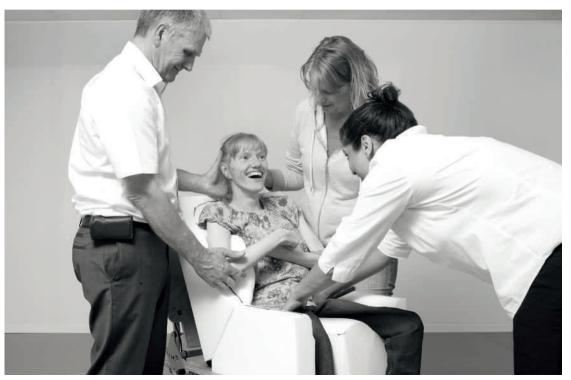














### Let's give it a Try Trial Fitting

You are welcome to try your seat before it is finished. For those with complex body shapes a trial fitting is most advisable. The seat can still be modified at this stage. The Ottobock seating engineer will make sure that your seat meets all the requirements discussed at your initial consultation.

During this session we check that your seat shape is suitable for you. We check that it contacts your body all over and that you feel satisfied and safe sitting in it. We take time and consideration to make sure that your seat will fit into the mobility base you have chosen, and whether you might need additional accessories to work with your seat. At this appointment we also check the style of pelvic belt, harnessing, headrests, footrest and fabric that best suits your needs. Are there any special requirements you would like us to consider according to your body shape? If so, we are happy to design and fabricate customised accessories for you.

We aim to accommodate your comfort, support and aesthetic needs at this appointment. We fine tune the seat so that it is perfect before you accept final delivery.



### Make your Seat a Part of your Life Advice and Quality Check

Modern materials, individual finish tailored design, thorough examination and quality testing – your final special seat is a result of a variety of carefully considered factors. We will focus on functional aspects of using your seat at the delivery appointment, so that you achieve the best results from your special seat. During your delivery appointment your Ottobock seating engineer will discuss how you and your carers should correctly use your seat. The topics covered include:

- The seat's function
- Positioning you correctly in the seat in your preferred method of transfer
- Proper alignment of any accessories (harnesses, headrests, footrests)

- General wheelchair functions
- Maintenance and care
- · Disassembly of the seat and wheelchair
- Using the seat in vehicles

Having gone through all these phases in our 'Ottobock Private Seating Clinic' we are confident that we can manufacture your final seat in a design you desire. To ensure your optimal fit and comfort we keep in regular contact with you and offer you continuing care.

At the end of the day your special seat can only be as successful as your satisfaction with it. Let it become a natural part of your daily life.



We are happy to provide you with advice on your personal case, and stand by your side with our experience, our product expertise and our worldwide service. Please contact us for an individual consultation.



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