Posture, Seating and Wheelchair Skills course

Venue: National Spinal Injuries Centre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 8AL
Seminar room 2.

This two-day course takes a very practical and clinically based approach to all aspects of assessing and prescribing seating for adult manual wheelchair users. Although the examples used in this course will be drawn from a spinal cord injured population, many of the principles can be applied to clients with other similar neurological pathologies.

Course objectives:
- Principles of seated posture and 24 hr positioning
- Evidence based justification to support the configuration of lightweight manual wheelchairs relating to user function
- Provide a clear structure for the physical assessment of posture
- Matching assessment findings to seating solutions
- Practical opportunities to learn manual wheelchair skills including loading wheelchair in/out of the car. Experienced wheelchair skills trainers will instruct and supervise this session.

There will be a range of wheelchairs and cushions available during the two days for the delegates to discuss and work with.

Suitable for:
- therapists working in a SCIC or rehabilitation setting
- professionals working in wheelchair services (therapists and engineers)
- professionals from the industry involved in manufacturing and supplying of wheelchairs and seating

Course size: Max 20 delegates due to the practical nature of this course

Course Leaders: Lynsey Warnock, Michelle Clarke– all senior therapists at the NSIC with extensive seating experience.

For provisional programme and application form please see www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/NSIC and follow links to ‘Events/Courses’. To register interest or reserve a place, please send your completed application form to:

Lynsey Warnock (Physiotherapist) or Michelle Clarke (Occupational Therapist),
National Spinal Injuries Centre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 8AL
or e-mail to lynseywarnock@nhs.net