

**Power failure and powered mattresses – general advice – DN teams.**

Advice Sheet No. 1- THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE REQUESTING A POWERED MATTRESS

No patient should be left on a deflating air mattress.

1. Assess the level of risk; this will enable you to plan what interim measures are needed.
2. All district nursing teams will have a stock of repose mattress toppers which can be used on a base mattress ( up to high risk/ category2 pressure ulcer damage)
3. There are moving and handling issues that need to be considered for patients that are bariatric (25 stone and over) and are being nursed on a dynamic mattress – nursing teams need to risk assess and pre-plan a course of action.

* Does the patient need a powered mattress?
* Could they be downgraded to a foam mattress?
* Would a ROHO mattress be more suitable?
* Do they live in an area that is prone to power cuts?
* Additional care needs – do you know who to contact?

1. If the patient is in an area that has frequent power failures consider not using a dynamic mattress and contact tissue viability for advice.
2. MILLBROOKS CONTACT DETAILS =0845 223 2484 or 0333 999 0870.

The dynamic mattresses supplied by Tissue Viability Service are the Talley Quattro or the Invacare Premier Active 2. Advice sheets are available for each mattress/cushion that has been supplied to the community. These advice sheets give information about how to change the equipment into a static/transport mode. This information can be found on the tissue viability website.

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| **Name of company** | **Name of dynamic mattress/cushion** |
| Tally | Quattro Plus dynamic air mattress |
| Invacare | Premier Active hybrid mattress |
| Westmeria | Sileo dynamic mattress (bariatric)  Baros Dynamic cushion |
| Huntleigh | Nimbus 3 dynamic air mattress  Auto logic dynamic air mattress |
| Karomed | Essentials dynamic air mattress  Transair dynamic air mattress |
| Sidhil | Serenade Dynamic cushion |