



One Day SCAMP -Specialist Communication, Access & Mobility Potential (SCAMP) Clinic

Introduction

This multi-professional service is for children and young adults who have complex medical and physical needs requiring assessment or a review of how they use electronic assistive technology. This could include communication aids, powered mobility or computers.

These are one day assessments and do not include a detailed review of posture. The focus is on one area or activity. For a review of all activities and posture then you may wish to consider referral to a full SCAMP Clinic.

About the clinic

Who can attend this clinic?

Children and young adults under the age of 19 (at time of referral). For Adults over the age of 19 funding will need to be agreed.

Why choose to come to a One Day SCAMP Clinic?

- To access specialist knowledge and expertise in the area of electronic assistive technology
- To enable you to achieve your full potential in an activity
- To support your local team in their work with you
- To have existing equipment customised to better meet your needs.

Who can refer me to the clinic?

A healthcare professional e.g. GP or local therapist

How often are the clinics?

One day SCAMP assessments are held twice a month. One for focusing on powered mobility or access issues (Thursdays) and the other for communication issues (Tuesday).



About the appointment

How long is the appointment?

The assessment takes place over one day. The timetable for each day is governed by when you want to take breaks and what activities are under discussion.

They can be held at either Chailey Heritage Clinical Services or in your local centre, depending on your requirements.

Who will I meet?

Depending on the referral requirement you will meet the following:

- Clinical Engineer
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Rehabilitation Engineer

Members of your local team are invited to attend to provide their input. Your appointment letter will give more details about how to let us know who is going to attend.

What to bring to the Clinic?

It is important that you bring any equipment related to using your current method of accessing technology including any seating or possibly lying or standing items. Favourite toys, CD's are useful as are any switches or joysticks or other access systems you are currently using.

We will ask for copies of recent reports from your local team before the assessment.

What will happen in the clinic?

The assessment starts with a talk about your expectations from the day and any on-going concerns you may have regarding the issue in the referral. A brief look is given to your current seating to ensure this is optimal. It is assumed that seating will have been addressed elsewhere. If a full postural assessment is required please request / refer to a Posture Clinic Profile.

Any equipment you are currently using will then be discussed and you will be encouraged to describe any problems or difficulties as well as benefits. It is important for the team to know where this equipment is used and for how long.

With your agreement the team will take photos of you using your equipment as a record. These photos are kept in the clinical notes and used for reference only.

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The rest of the time is arranged to suit your needs and what has been requested on the referral.

If the referral is to examine the possible use of a communication aid the Speech and Language Therapist will discuss current communication methods and talk about possible aids, low and high tech, which may facilitate communication. We may try a communication aid or a communication book to see if this enables you to make choices.

Alternatively we may look at how you access a computer and the types of activities you enjoy and whether this can be made easier using different software, switches or a different access method.

Or you may have requested us to look at powered mobility in order to review any problems or to work with you on a learning programme for this activity.

We then discuss the assessment and recap on all that we have talked about such as changes in equipment, ways of trying new activities and discuss with you what will go in the report. A distribution list for the report is also agreed with you.



What happens after the clinic?

A report will be sent to you, your GP, the referrer and anyone else that you may wish. We aim to provide you with this approximately four to six weeks after the clinic.

The report will provide you with a record of the assessment and recommendations that have been made. Any equipment used will be listed with contact details. Also any special information you have asked for e.g. how to set up a home computer using alternative access methods will also be included.

When you receive the report, if you or your local team want more information you are welcome to contact the clinic secretary

What happens if I require a new appointment?

A new referral will be required if you need to attend the One Day SCAMP assessment again.

Any recommended equipment is not funded or supplied through the clinic as it is assessment only.

We're here to help

We're always happy to answer any queries that you may have.

If you have any queries at all, please contact the clinic secretary on:



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