



DEVELOPING WHEELCHAIR PRESCRIPTION GUIDELINES

AT BIRMINGHAM WHEELCHAIR SERVICE:

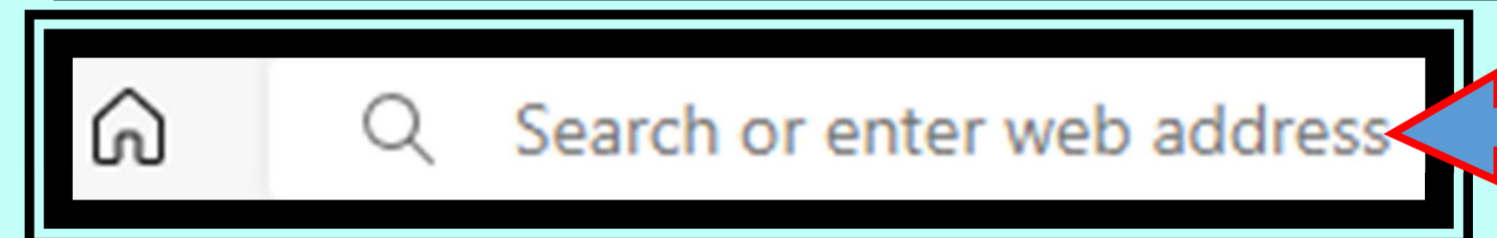
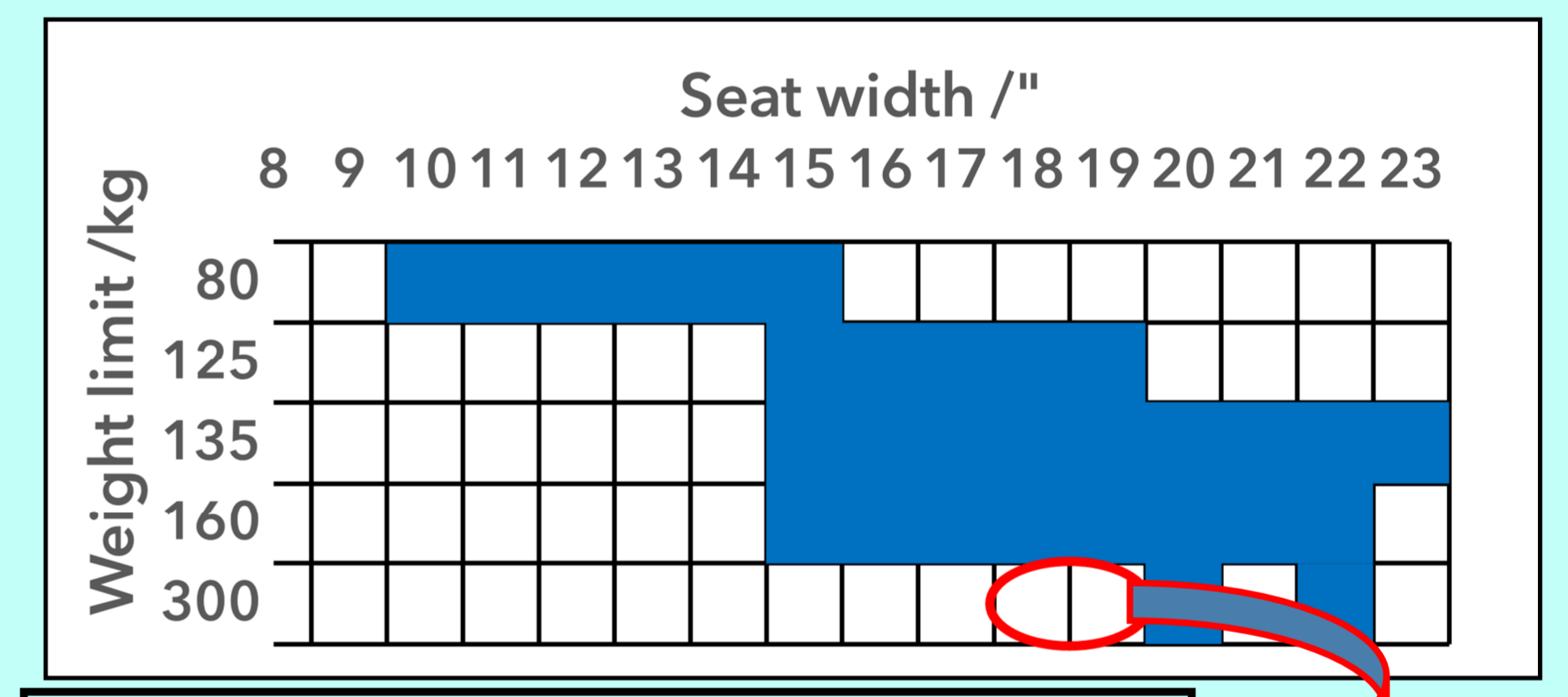
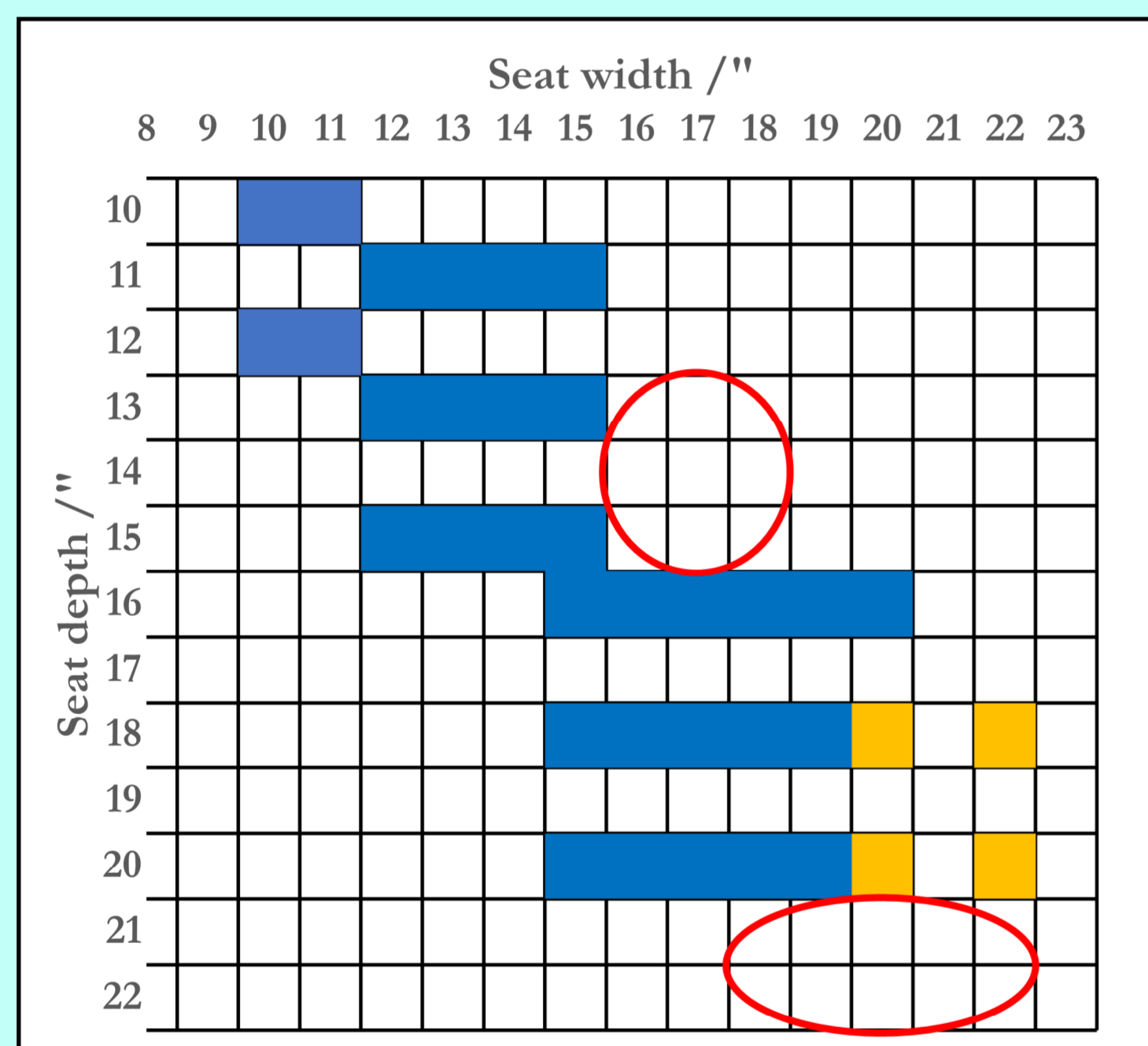
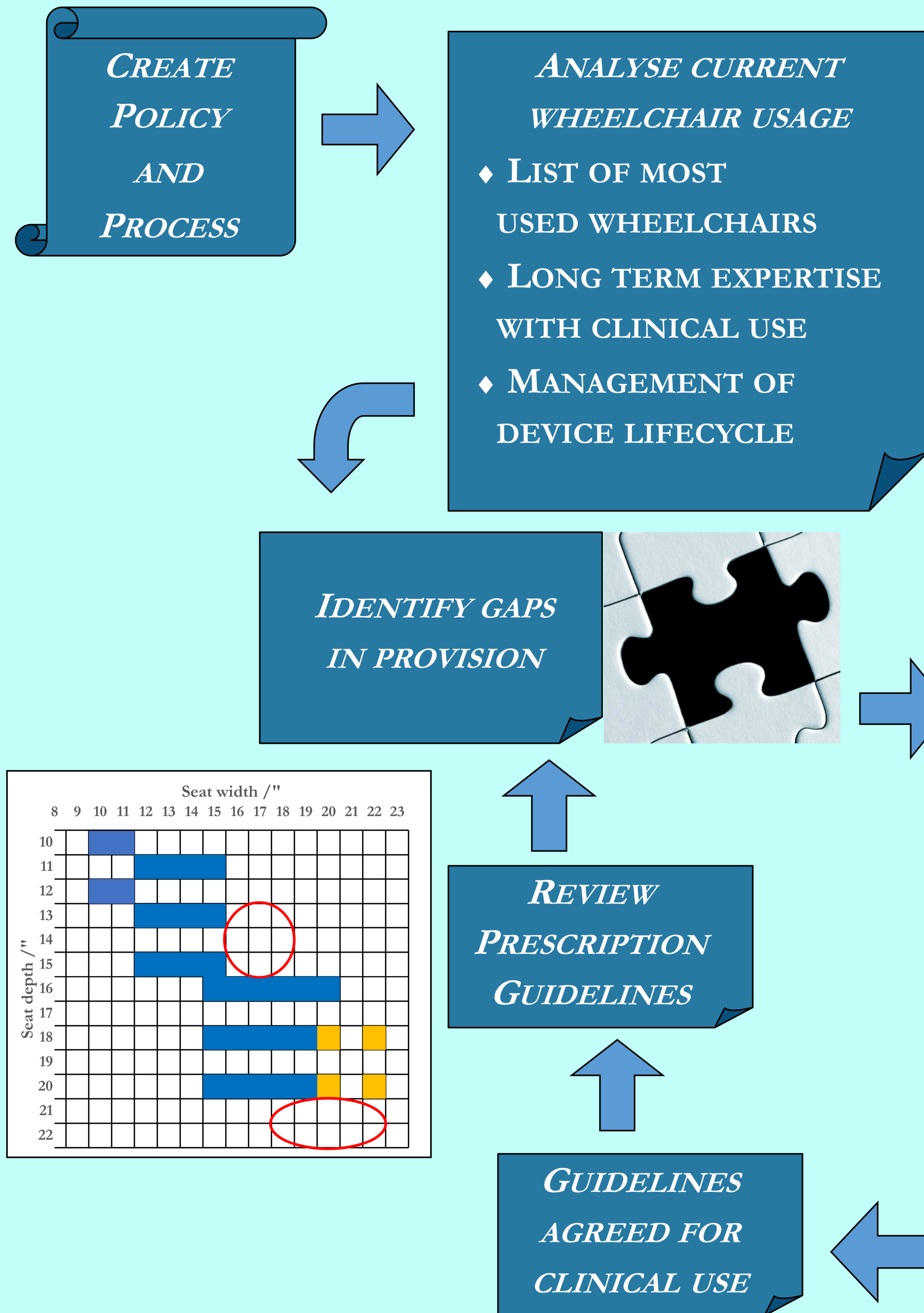
AN EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH

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METHODOLOGY



BENEFITS

- ◆ Improved baseline knowledge across wheelchair range
- ◆ Increased clinical confidence in the evidence-base for guidelines and justification for prescription outside guidelines
- ◆ Better communication of evidence-base with patients
- ◆ Resource for new staff members
- ◆ Local expert clinicians for each type of wheelchair
- ◆ Defined clinical evaluation process for new equipment
- ◆ Justification for removing equipment from guidelines

AIMS

- ◆ To develop an evidence-based set of wheelchair prescription guidelines for local use
- ◆ To consider a range of types of evidence to make best use of resource
- ◆ To share collective expertise within the team
- ◆ To improve clinicians' baseline knowledge in less familiar areas, support clinical reasoning within guidelines and develop justification for prescription outside guidelines
- ◆ To regularly review guidelines in light of changing market conditions

