

Things to Consider

Our Medical Healthcare Furniture framework provides you with all your healthcare furniture needs in one place.

We understand that healthcare furniture projects can vary in scale, such as purchasing a new chair for a waiting room or starting from scratch with a new build NHS facility. Whatever your need our team is on hand to help you.

We have put together a list of useful questions and things to consider for your purchase.

Things to consider before you start your buying process:

The process

- Is your purchase part of a large scale project and if so, do you need to consider factors such as project milestones or other works being carried out?
- What is your anticipated timescale?

Engagement and impact

- Where is this product going to be used?
- Who is your internal stakeholder and how will they react and engage with the product?
- Is the product new to the trust or department, and will training be required?
- Is there any impact to patient service delivery?

Funding

- Have you established a budget?
- What are the alternative funding options available to you?
- Are there opportunities to make a savings by aggregating demand?

Equipment

- Is this product compatible with existing equipment and medical devices?
- Consider what the lead time for your purchase is and if this works within your project timeline?
- Is your furniture 'future proof', does the purchase consider new technology and services?
- Have you considered the practicalities of trialling the product and the impact this will have on the timescale?
- What quantity do you require?

- Where will the furniture be located, is it all in one place or over several areas?
- What are your expectations for the delivery and installation costs and practicalities, does this match those of your purchase?

Environment

- Have you considered the infection prevention and control features and risks of the product?
- Are you able to use the prescribed cleaning fluids and follow the cleaning regime without damaging the product?
- What are the dimensions of the product, will it fit into its intended location?

The future

- What type of warranty is included with the product?
- Are there any maintenance costs or ongoing costs to consider?
- Will training be required for this product?
- What is the life expectancy of the product, and how will it be maintained over this time?

