



## THE KEEPERS OF THE GREEN FOUNDATION

A Charity Registered in Scotland No SC033783

### **Application Guidelines for Potential Powered Wheelchair Recipients / Carers / Referral Organisations**

The key aim of the Keepers of the Green charity is to "...improve lives through powered mobility". Since its formation in 1995, *Keepers* extensive fundraising activities have resulted in life changing experiences for over 200 individuals who have been presented with powered wheelchairs.

The main guiding principle applied by *Keepers* in assessing suitable recipients is that they and/or their carers will derive significant improvements to their quality of life from the provision of a powered wheelchair.

In general terms, *Keepers* seeks to identify potential recipients who are unlikely to qualify for full funding support from NHS and other public health agencies. Our support is designed to "make a real difference" to individuals who are unable to easily access funding from other sources.

The average cost of a standard powered wheelchair provided by *Keepers* is £3,200. However, in exceptional circumstances, where a recipient's needs cannot be met by a standard provision, *Keepers* have, on occasions, been able to generate an enhanced contribution by sharing the costs with like-minded charities. On those occasions, individuals are encouraged, if at all possible, to make some contribution to the additional costs.

These procedures help to ensure that the balance of *Keepers* funding is focused on assisting as many individuals as possible, whilst also recognising that some potential recipients have very special needs.

We have tried to keep our assessment procedures simple, flexible, responsive and quick! Typically, these include:

- A short written report to *Keepers* from the potential recipient's GP or other suitably qualified health care practitioner outlining the nature of the medical condition, current support and family circumstances.
- For those applications which match our criteria, we arrange a home visit assessment by *Keepers* preferred wheelchair provider who will draw up a report on the particular needs of each individual.
- *Keepers* assessment panel will consider this report, together with costs and recommendations. The panel meets on a needs-only basis, which ensures there are no undue delays.
- The decision is communicated immediately to the recipient/carer/referral organisation and a wheelchair (with modifications where relevant) is ordered and supplied.



*Keepers* offer a full support package to maintain, adapt and, where necessary, repair all powered wheelchairs supplied in its name for the duration of each recipient's usage.

Applications should be submitted to: Janet Finlay, Hon Secretary, Keepers of the Green, The St Andrews Golf Club, 13 The Links, St Andrews, KY16 9JB or email [secretary@keepersofthegreen.org](mailto:secretary@keepersofthegreen.org)