**DRS Neurology Pathway Criteria**

This service is delivered by the ‘Community Neurology Team’ in Dudley Rehabilitation Service (DRS). The Community Neurology Team is a multidisciplinary team who provide specialist community based goal centred treatment and rehabilitation for patients aged over 16 years registered with a Dudley GP, with a long term neurological condition, except stroke and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

**Urgent Criteria**

* Patients who are at risk of hospital admission.

Urgent patients will be seen within 3 working days however patient choice may impact on responsiveness.

**Priority Criteria**

* Patients with recent change in number of times they are falling,
* Recent brain/spinal/neurology related surgery,
* Severe sudden/rapid deterioration in condition within last 3-4 weeks,
* Recent discharge from hospital/step down with a change in function and/or rehab potential,
* Post botox injections
* Patients having a relapse where prompt intervention will be of most beneficial

Priority patients will be seen within 10 working days however patient choice may impact on responsiveness.

**Routine Criteria**

* All patients who do not meet the urgent or priority criteria.

Routine patients will be seen within 12 weeks of referral

**Exclusion criteria**

* Equipment for residential/nursing homes – only mobility equipment can be assessed for and provided. The Home is otherwise responsible for arranging a private assessment.
* Equipment provision only where there are no rehab needs – refer to local authority OT 0300 555 0055 option 3
* Issue of profiling beds, pressure relieving equipment and cot sides – contact community nursing
* Moving and handling assessments – contact the local authority Manual Handling Team 0300 555 0055 option 3
* Seating assessments only - refer to local authority OT 0300 555 0055. Exceptions to this are patents in health funded nursing home beds.