



Allied Health and Rotary Hardship Equipment Reissue Program

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Significance to Allied Health

The Equipment Reissue Program:

- ✓ Helps patients access necessary equipment without any cost
- ✓ Reduces wait time and burden on other equipment provision services
- ✓ Reduces waste going to landfill by reusing equipment



Aims:

- To facilitate the provision of reissue equipment at no cost to Western Health hardship patients, in a responsive and sustainable manner.
- To limit the quantity of equipment entering landfill

Reissue equipment is equipment that has been donated to Rotary from individuals or organisations

Method:

- Collaboration between Western Health Allied Health, Western Health Sustainability and Keilor Rotary commenced in early 2018.
- Equipment is available to patients experiencing hardship and being treated by a Western Health occupational therapist or physiotherapist.
- Equipment is covered by a Rotary Deed of Donation, which states that equipment is provided with no guarantee or warranty.
- Equipment is stored onsite and a volunteer manages the reissue storage room and the ordering of equipment from Rotary.
- A sticker is placed on all equipment sold or donated to patients, encouraging them to donate the equipment to Rotary once they no longer need it.
- Patient interviews are currently being conducted as part of the evaluation process (HREC/19/WH/50865).

Results of the first six months of program:

27 item types available

21 items donated back into the program

82 items given to patients

6 items scrapped

Lessons:

Risk reduction: ongoing legal advice

Unpredictable quality of equipment received

Next Steps:

Further evaluation of the economic and sustainability impacts of this program.