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Dear Assessor

**ACCESS** is to be **Assessor and Client Centred**  
for **Essential Seating and wheelchair Services**

**accessible** is proud to announce the introduction of ACCESS, a new Seating and Wheelchair Facilitation Service for the Auckland region. ACCESS will be available for one year commencing 1 July 2006.

The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) recently accepted **accessible's** proposal in recognition of the need for support and streamlining of the seating and wheelchair trial process. ACCESS is intended to support Specialised Assessors working with people in the community/schools who have a need for seating and wheelchair equipment.

ACCESS will facilitate the establishment of clinics to assist Specialised Assessors (employed by DHBs (including Mobility Solutions), Group Special Education and/or Special Schools) through the trial process for non-complex seating and wheelchairs. The process for the provision of complex seating for a person remains with Mobility Solutions.

ACCESS aims to provide;

- \* advice and support for Specialised Assessors at the clinic
- \* increased provision of refurbished equipment items
- \* liaison with suppliers in order to provide a range of trial equipment in a timely manner
- \* technical support at the clinic
- \* enhanced access to review of a person's needs, particularly children where growth is a key factor in the monitoring of an effective and safe equipment solution.

ACCESS clinics will be based in the community and schools, as the intention is for the assessment process to remain with the person and the Specialised Assessor. The role of ACCESS is one of collaboration, facilitation and support to achieve the stated aims. Initially one clinic per week will be held in rotation around the Auckland region; North, West, Central and South, however others may potentially be included.

I look forward to working with you all while we establish the ACCESS clinics. If you know of anyone who would be interested in applying for the role of Clinic Seating and Wheelchair Specialist for 2 ½ days per week for a 12 month contract, please ask them to contact me. Further information is available on our website: [www.accessable.co.nz/InfoOnline](http://www.accessable.co.nz/InfoOnline).

Kind regards

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