

## Prescriber Communique – 30 September 2014

## Low Cost/High Volume/Non-Customised Equipment Tender Outcome

SWEP is pleased to announce the finalisation of the third part of our procurement strategy. This will have the effect of providing more equipment to more clients within the same budget. The extremely robust evaluation process has ensured that the equipment selected has been certified under the relevant standards, meets the specifications required by our client group, and has been secured at the best possible price.

We thank our Clinical Advisors, expert prescribers, clients and client advocates, and rehabilitation engineer for their valuable input into the various phases of the evaluation.

The process is now complete and contracts are due to be signed in the next week and SWEP is now transitioning to the tendered low cost/high volume/non-customised equipment being provided from our contracted suppliers. The list of items successfully tendered can be found here (<u>Successfully Tendered Items List</u>)

A state-wide roadshow is planned for late October to mid-November to outline the process and answer any questions you may have, and a final schedule will be distributed as soon as all dates and venues have been confirmed. At that time we will be publishing our catalogue which will include photographs, descriptions and specifications.

From 1 October, 2014 you may be contacted to discuss the potential for currently waitlisted items being provided through the newly contracted suppliers if the item prescribed meets the tender specification.

We understand there has been concern regarding access to trial of tendered items, and we are currently working with the successful suppliers about how best to provide access for you. Please bear with us over the next few weeks while we work through these arrangements.

