



Airflow Mattress Checklist



- Check bed is connected to electricity and is plugged in at all times. This keeps the cells of the mattress inflated.
- If alarm is sounding/flashing check mattress has not deflated or is too soft
- **Check mattress cells are inflating/deflating and CPR valve is connected**
- Mattress will have a minimum and maximum weight limit: It must be set to the residents' weight- **check at each episode of care**
- **Check that static mode/ seat inflate/max firm, is turned off, when no longer required**
- **If bottoming out, inform nurse and see back of checklist for details. Ensure clinical notes are updated.**
- Ensure appropriate sheet is used (flat or stretchy) and no additional layers are between the resident and surface (eg blankets, duvets, excess pads)
- If heels have damage or are showing signs of damage (red, discoloured etc) ensure foot protector boots are applied.
- The mattress **MUST** be used together with frequent positional changes to help prevent/reduce pressure damage eg 2/4hrly.
- A hard copy of the manufacturer's instructions for each mattress should be provided with the mattress (if not an online version will be available)

Resident's current weight:

Please turn over