PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

Medical equipment at home in a power cut

If you rely on powered medical equipment, plan before a cut happens. Ask whoever supplied the device what it does when the mains fails and how long any built-in battery lasts, join the free Priority Services Register, and agree a backup plan with your clinician. If a cut puts someone's health in immediate danger, call 999.

- [ ] List every powered medical device in the home
- [ ] Ask the supplier about built-in battery life and wattage
- [ ] Tape the out-of-hours number to each machine
- [ ] Join the Priority Services Register
- [ ] Fit a power failure alarm
- [ ] Test any backup battery on a normal night
- [ ] Agree where you would go in a long cut
- [ ] Keep a go-bag with leads, medicines and prescription list