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***Special Needs Users:***  
***Ending discrimination***

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# *Away from home toilets: Special needs users*

Who are special needs users?





- ↪ **Parents, their babies & toddlers**
- ↪ **People with physical disabilities**
- ↪ **People with hidden disabilities**
- ↪ **People with profound & multiple learning (intellectual) disabilities (PMLD)**
- ↪ **Frail elderly people & people with dementia**
- ↪ **People with neurological disorders**

# *The Changing Places Campaign: Consortium Partners*

- *PAMIS*
- *Mencap: PMLD Team*
- *Valuing People Support Team: Department of Health*
- *Nottingham City Council: programme for modernising day services*
- *The same as you? Team: Scottish Executive*
- *Is there an accessible loo? (ITAAL)*

# *Why don't existing standard accessible loos meet our needs?*

**Existing provision does meet the needs of many disabled people, but, not all. Why?**

-  **Some disabled people cannot self-transfer from wheelchair to a toilet**
-  **A number of disabled people cannot weight bear**
-  **Many people wear continence pads that need to be changed**
-  **Paid carers are not allowed to physically lift from wheelchair to changing bench – need to use a hoist**

# *What do we want?*

## **Space & Spacing in toilet cubicles**

- ↪ **person with disabilities, wheelchair & one/two carers**
- ↪ **height-adjustable wall-mounted folding changing bench OR a free-standing changing bench**
- ↪ **fixed OR mobile standing hoisting system**
- ↪ **peninsular toilet with adequate space for a helper on either side if needed**
- ↪ **other details and furniture as specified in British Standard No. 8300**

# *What do we want?*




## **Other essential equipment**

- ↪ **screen/curtain to allow privacy for person with disabilities and carer when either uses the toilet**
- ↪ **wide tear-off paper roll to cover bench (for hygiene)**
- ↪ **large waste bin for disposable pads**
- ↪ **wipes - extremely useful**



# ***Changing Places Accessible Loos***

## ***What do we want?***

### **These loos should be unisex – why?**

-  **many disabled people need assistance from carers who are often of the opposite sex**
-  **a parent caring for a child/adult with disabilities of the opposite sex**
-  **disabled people are often parents and will have children of the opposite sex**

### **These loos should be safe – how/why?**

-  **from vandalism – this means accessed by a key or attendant**
-  **equipment in working order**

# *The Changing Places Campaign Consortium*

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**Overall aim:**

*To campaign for more Changing Places  
Loos (fully accessible) in towns and  
cities throughout the UK.*

# *The Changing Places Campaign Consortium: Objectives*

- ✓ **Develop a website – one stop shop for advice and information**
- ✓ **Raise awareness of the need for fully accessible ‘away from home’ loos**
- ✓ **Produce publicity materials – factsheets, leaflets, posters**
- ✓ **Distribute the *PAMIS ‘Time for a Change’* video/CD**

**Convince local authorities, planners, service providers, of the need to provide some such facilities – as well as, not instead of - current provision**

# *How can you help?*

## **Organisations & companies:**

- ✓ **join our supporters list**
- ✓ **lobby at local level**

## **Local authorities & planners:**

- ✓ **visit our website**
- ✓ **show the *Time for a Change* video to relevant committees & Access Groups**
- ✓ **provide at least one 'Changing Places Accessible Loo' in your area this year**

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