

Surfer Bather

Clinical Business Case

The following clinical business case provides information and clinical reasoning examples, to assist the health or social care professional to support a request for funding of non-contract equipment.



What are the needs, goals or outcomes for the service user?

- To enable caring responsibilities for a child.
- To provide a safe and dignified way to transfer a child in and out of the bath.
- To reduce risk of musculoskeletal injury to the carer.
- To lower the child close to the bottom of the bath to enable coverage with water allowing them to benefit from the therapeutic properties of bathing.
- To maintain a safe position once in the bath.
- To enable bath time play to encourage sensory development and interaction with the carer.

What options have been explored or considered?

- Bath seats which do not raise and lower or provide the support and safe positioning required.
- Bath seats which do not allow the carer or parent to be 'hands free', which results in them being unable to play or interact fully with the child whilst in the bath.

Include details of refurbished equipment considered.

Equipment Recommended

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- Provides a safe way of transferring a child in and out of the bath, includes side rails and leg straps for additional safety.
- For use by parents/carers to reduce the risk of musculoskeletal injury to both individual and carer.
- Lowers the child to within 8.5cm from the bottom of the bath.
- Adjustable backrest.
- Adjustable pommel and horseshoe headrest are available as accessories if required.
- Easily removed from the bath when not in use to enable a more flexible environment for shared bathrooms.

What are the benefits of provision to the service user and /or carer?

- Enables the carer/parent to carry out caring responsibilities for the child.
- Reduce risk of injury to the service user and / or carer by:
 - ◇ Providing a safe way of transferring the child in and out of the bath.
 - ◇ Maintaining a secure position once lowered into the bath.
- Allows the child to benefit from:
 - ◇ The therapeutic properties of warm water.
 - ◇ Bath time play and carer interaction whilst being safely supported.
- The child may be able to be encouraged to have some independence using the waterproof hand control to raise and lower themselves into the bath.