

Justification for Need & Funding of a Shower Toilet

for children & teenagers with muscular dystrophy & allied neuromuscular conditions

This equipment, which is a combined toilet & bidet, is essential for anyone unable to use toilet paper because of difficulty in reaching: it provides the alternative of washing and drying the bottom after a bowel motion, and is also used by disabled girls to ensure cleanliness, particularly during the menstrual cycle.

It is not often necessary to have to justify the supply of a shower toilet, because most people responsible for making decisions in relation to funding can identify with the need to maintain privacy on the toilet. Disabled people have to contend with a great loss of dignity, but to have to ask anyone to wipe their bottom for them is totally unacceptable – and is particularly inappropriate because of the possible accusations of sexual abuse if the disabled person is a teenager and the carer is an adult.

The use of this equipment must be assessed prior to supply. Although a demonstration can be arranged by asking the firm to bring a unit to the house, the most satisfactory way of ensuring that the equipment will be satisfactory, is to contact the firm and find out where there is a unit plumbed in and ready to use.

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