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Kingcraft

'The Staid' Standing Aid from Kingcraft

Abstract

Kingcraft are the UK distributor for the 'Staid' standing aid. Launched recently, this product is the result of a 2 year development programme with healthcare professionals.

The concept is simple. The 'Staid' is a standing aid that uses the existing ceiling track hoist in a building as the motive power to lift the user.

In use, the Staid is positioned under the track hoist and the sling on the unit is attached to the spreader bar. The user is held securely in position by a further sling. The track hoist is then operated to raise the user until the foot plate is clear of the ground. Transfer to the bathroom then takes place by means of the carer manually guiding the user. The user can be lowered gently on to the toilet.

Once the user is raised again, there is all round access by the carer for washing and hygiene purposes.

The Staid maximizes the benefit of a ceiling track hoist installation and as it is manually operated it has no battery requirement or special maintenance issues.

The Staid is intended for use with people who are able to understand and cooperate, have sufficient standing ability and who have undergone a risk assessment for suitability by the therapist.