

Therapist reviews

Young client in school in Derbyshire, December 2014

- Adaptations:** Foot block and padded bar
- Background:** Client has CP, upper body collapses – hence need to pad bar. Want to be able to build up quads to improve standing strength, pushing up but also able to pull up – lower and upper body working together
- AHP worked with:** M&H lead, Paediatric OT and School head

Private residence and Residential Home in Bradford, Jan 2015

- Adaptations:** None
- Background:** 2 clients:
HB young client living at home with neurological metabolic conditions
Jo living in residential care; Congenital hydrocephalus, Osteoporosis, Cerebellar ataxia, Decompression of cervical spinal cord and fusion.
- AHP worked with:** Specialist PT
- Current equipment:** HB Hoist
Jo Hoist and Rota stand
- Feedback:** Better transfer from bed, chair, particularly well supported with the visual cues of the footplates, previous transferring client felt very insecure and lacked confidence.

“The cricket is a useful rehabilitation tool to maintain and encourage standing, and ensuring that the stand service user do are functional which for those who have cognitive difficulties is important as this increases compliance. Both clients improved with their stand and lower limb strength to the point with Jo now trying standing transfers without specialist equipment and is using a dynamic walker to mobilise with.”

Specialist PT

Private residence, Staffordshire November 2013

Adaptations: None

Background: 62 yr old man living at home, CVA 10 years ago, right side severely affected.

AHP worked with: Senior OT

Feedback: The Cricket is more compact therefore more practical in the home environment Very useful as this can be used as a full transfer aid between rooms not just transferring from one seat to another.

"I find the Cricket to be an excellent assessment tool to decide what the client can achieve. On many occasions it works but the assessment with this equipment also helps me to decide if a more supportive stand aid would benefit the client more dependent on if they can support themselves from a sit to stand transfer.

One carer can use easily saves the cost of having two carers or in this case the relative could manage alone."

Senior OT

Generic feedback:

Nicci, Band 7 OT Neurosciences: We are using the Cricket for clients with a range of medical conditions including COPD, Arthritis, Stroke, Brain injury, Spinal Injury, Oncology, Trauma and Orthopaedics

The Cricket can mean the difference between full hoisting with multiple carers or being able to transfer with the assistance of one.

- Opportunity to practice 'sit to stand' outside of traditional therapy sessions. eg. when going to the toilet
- Promote a more normalised situation when washing/dressing (through 'sit to stand') rather than having a 'bed bath'
- Particularly manoeuvrable between rooms and within confined spaces of a ward bathroom or when we have used it within the home, it is compact enough for use within small properties. The main advantage is that – due to the castor mechanism - it is able to turn within its own space and does not require a large circumference to so
- Yes, the cricket requires some training but is so easy to use and maintain
- Enabled carers within the home environment between 'care calls' to assist the patient with toileting or other needs. In some situations even negating care package, giving the patient and their carer/family the opportunity to undertake caring full time independently
- Reduction in carer burden, both within the hospital environment and the community setting
- Enables the rehabilitation process and has influenced earlier patient discharge in many instances
- Promotes ongoing maintenance and rehabilitation of a patients functional status through the patient participation in the use of the aid

Community Therapist Alison, Cumbria:

At weekends we run on skeleton staff and to train our patients on sit to stand and have in the past used a zimmer and a foot to keep it from moving and hands on with the patient, the Cricket eliminates all this and allows for a safer exercise.