



The Stairclimber People – Case Study

“Joined up” social care recycling collaboration expedites “life saver” in safe home access

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T17 year-old Rhianna Maness has complex disabilities, including seizures and being non-verbal. Her parents Melissa and Darren themselves have health issues.

Getting Rhianna up and down stairs was becoming a risk, but the conventional solutions- a stairlift or through-floor lift- were not viable.

Rhianna’s Occupational Therapist at Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Trust found out about AAT’s Sella stairclimber, and reached out for assessment support. It worked!

A Sella was available at Medequip’s stores for Kirklees’ Council.

The stores also had most of the accessories needed to ensure Rhianna was sat secure and properly supported as she needed.

And her parents can safely pause the process should Rhianna have a seizure en-route.

As a result, using the re-issue capability of the stairclimber, Rhianna’s carers can now transfer her up and down the stairs without risk to her or themselves.

That, with the few accessories that needed to be purchased, has meant Rhianna can be safely moved up, down stairs for a fraction of the cost of alternatives!



“It’s been a real life saver,” says Melissa. “Rhianna’s face shows that she enjoys it, and it’s made the world of difference to us all.”

“It was a bit scary to start with at the top of the stairs, but AAT trained us fully in how to use the stairclimber safely. If Rhianna has a seizure, we just stop until it’s passed and we can resume.”

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www.aatgb.com/s-max-sella/

Full details of our re-issue can be found here:

<https://www.aatgb.com/taking-steps-to-reduce-adaptation-delay-for-650-recycle/>