



The Stairclimber People – Case Study

“short term” solution for safe transfer becomes the preferred option

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A “quick fix”, temporary measure to enable the parents of a young woman with severe disabilities has turned into their preferred option.

The through-floor lift in the Doncaster home of the Ellis family repeatedly broke down, eventually being condemned.

Without it, father Peter found it almost impossible to safely carry his daughter Rhian up and down stairs: the family home is small, with a tight, curved staircase, and Rhian’s condition means she has uncontrolled muscle spasms.

He contacted the family’s Occupational Therapist, who by chance had just attended a presentation on stairclimbers.

A quick telephone call to Britain’s #1 stairclimber provider AAT meant that within hours, the Ellis’ problem was resolved.

AAT provided a stairclimber the same day, solving the immediate issue. As space was at a premium in the home, and the stairclimber could be folded away when not in use, the

family chose to keep it instead of going through the process of a replacement through-floor lift.



“The stairclimber is so easy, and Rhian feels safe in it, she is very routine-orientated,” explains Peter Ellis. “AAT trained me and my wife, so either of us can use it on our own. For safeguarding, we have a harness attached so Rhian is secure even if she has a seizure during the transfer process (she suffers from epilepsy too).”

“We’ve had the stairclimber eight years now! The design of the staircase means it’s not practical to fit a stairlift. To be honest, we prefer the stairclimber to the through-floor lift we had, as it frees up space with is in short supply anyway!”

“It reduces the strain on us physically, and reduces the number of transfers.”

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