



Not Just The Stairclimber People – Case Study

Chilli Bean delivers family time snuggles

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Despite being non-verbal and dystonic, young Eliza Rizk is able to relax and enjoy family life- all because of a bean bag.

AAT's Chilli Bean isn't an ordinary bean bag however.

It uses innovative vacuum technology so that its precise contours and firmness is fixed precisely as Eliza needs to perfectly support her, correctly- in effect giving her a big blue hug.

She feels so comfortable in it that the first time she used it, she fell asleep!



Eliza's requires 24-hour care because of her complex needs. Her muscle spasms and lack of head control means she requires specialist seating but the family was struggling to find equipment that was comfortable, safe and delivered the necessary support to stabilise her.

Mum Naomi- herself an Occupational Therapist- desperately looked for something that would help Eliza be part of family life.

Naomi had already purchased one of AAT's Bagel flotation cushions for the bath, to enable Eliza to enjoy the immersion experience rather than being sat in a rigid bath seat. She wondered if the same vacuum technology was available in a day chair...

It was- Chilli Bean!

AAT showed Naomi and her care team how to mould Chilli Bean to give Eliza a correct, natural and comfortable seating position and necessary stabilisation without pressure points.

As Eliza grows or her daily support requirement change, the family can quickly and easily adjust the shape and firmness of Chilli Bean to suit- no delay in remoulding inherent with conventional fixed mould paediatric seating.

But that's not all! The senses satisfied too

The soft fabric gives Eliza sensory feedback. The snug shape helps her awareness of her body.



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And popping a sound device underneath Chilli Bean gives Eliza further sensory stimulation as the vibration will transfer through.



“Eliza’s reaction- falling asleep- when she first sat in the Chilli Bean was just wonderful!” said Naomi.

“She’s otherwise either in her wheelchair, or we have a foam seat but the headrest on that doesn’t give her any stable support.

“The precision we can create with Chilli Bean will mean we can all relax as a family without worrying that Eliza is comfortable, correct and stable.”

Chilli Bean is just one of numerous vacuum posture cushions AAT offers, from simple arm & wrist supports to full-size mattresses.

AAT is so confident of the cushions’ performance, it offers free no obligation assessment for potential users.

Full details of AAT’s range of vacuum posture cushions are on its website:

<https://www.aatgb.com/posture-cushions/>.