



Not Just The Stairclimber People – Case Study

Paediatric seat enables quality mum and daughter time

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Born 10 weeks prematurely, India Harvey has Cerebral Palsy, impacting her mental and physical capabilities. Doctors told mum Denise: “you’ve just got to give her the best life you can”.

Denise has taken that to heart, thoroughly looking into all the equipment options available, working closely with India’s Occupational Therapist. Denise’s research led her to AAT and ultimately AAT’s Chilli Bean infinitely remouldable bean seat.

Funded by Newlife, the charity for disabled children, a Chilli Bean has been purchased for India, replacing her existing fixed mould PPod positioning support chair.

Unlike fixed mould seating, Chilli Bean can be infinitely re-shaped, at home, by the family. Chilli Bean uses innovative vacuum technology, whereby the air between the beans is removed to whatever degree is required to achieve the desired shape and level of firmness and rigidity. The process allows exact moulding of the seat to form lateral support, pommels etc to correctly support India without pressure points. India’s comfort and support is therefore a constant.

Chilli Bean’s flexibility and lightness of weight means that India’s quality of life has also been significantly improved, enabling Denise to move the Chilli Bean wherever she needs, for India to be sat and supported without the restriction of a harness, and mum and daughter to sit and read a book together.



“That intimate time is so special, and means so much,” says Denise. “We couldn’t achieve that flexibility with the PPod. India prefers the Chilli Bean too because we can adjust the firmness just right for her: she doesn’t like a hard seat. It’s so quick and easy to adjust the Chilli Bean, and the pump is small and compact- we don’t have to stow away lots of ancillaries.

“I originally asked AAT about its Gravity Chair foam positioning seat, but once we sat India in it, we didn’t think it supported her properly. AAT’s Dan suggested Chilli Bean as we could exactly adjust it ourselves to India: it’s proved to be perfect!”

Further details about Chilli Bean can be found on AAT’s website:

<https://www.aatgb.com/chilli-bean/>.