1 Morris and Alexander

Tele: 01328 855669

www.morrisandalexander.com

- Have recently brought out an extra fitting for use with settees for example that have a fifth castor. It is called a single support and if ordered on an individual basis costs approx £7.80
- The company has also introduced a new Product Summary Guide which can be obtained from the above contact details.

2 Polymorit

Tele: Roy Star 07772 367982 www.polymorit.com

- Justgo Swivel Cushion for use in the car, dining chair etc. Made of very pliable plastic material. Individual price £17.00
- Just Stand maximum user weight 40 stones. Its aim is to be used around the toilet, sofa and fire side chair etc. It folds away into its own portable bag so is ideal for travelling. It has been designed in a non-clinical colour, £140 individual cost. This company also makes the Stand Easy, which is more adjustable that the Just Stand.

3 A J Way

Tele: 01494 471821 www.ajway.co.uk

This company are supplying chairs into hospital settings, with in built pressure relief, wipe-able fabrics and with a height adjustability range.

Great Yarmouth and Birmingham are both areas which have brought products in large numbers. The "Shetland" and "Salisbury" seem to be the most popular styles for hospital use.

4 Seating Matters

Tele: 028777 66624

www.seatingmatterslimited.com

This company caught my eye. The chairs are designed by an OT and the whole business is run by members of the family. The Phoenix 2 chair in particular seemed very multi functional. The company can also provide bespoke chairs, at a seemingly reasonable price, with a good lead time. "It facilitates side transfer, standing transfer and hoist transfers. It can also be used for progressive conditions and to help improve or maintain posture. With lift in space back recline, elevating leg rest and unique head support. The ward winning Phoenix 2 is unparalled in its class".

5 Bakare

01909 770808 www.bakare.co.uk

- Have brought out a new chair called the Vetal Vital chair. No brochures available on the day email for further information through their website.
- The Bakare Safe Sides (these are clear plastic integral sides only for use with the Bakare beds) have now been redesigned and tiny air bubbles have been incorporated into the clear plastic sides, to make them more breathable. In order to try and decrease the risk of entrapment down the sides, the mattress has been tapered at the edges to fit more tightly. The colour has also been changed to a lighter more appealing brown. They are also available in pink or blue.

6 Mobeli

074539 3810

www.mobilegriffe.de/index.php?id=2&L=1

- Mobile grab handles that permanently monitor the vacuum state of the rail and thus its full adhesive strength. If the warning rock is sunk flat in the lever, the adhesive strength is correct and the grip is fully able to take its load. If the warning rocker rises and the red edge of the rocker becomes visible, the Mobeli suction head must be released and fastened anew. The safety indicator is also suitable for persons with weak eyesight because in the case of vacuum loss, the warning rocker is capable of being easily felt.
- As well as grab rails, the company make a range of "mobile helpers" or small aids, one example is the two finger holder – could be used to hold a hairdryer in place. The holder is available with a swivel arm adaptor, thus the radius of action can be substantially increased.

7 Able 2

Chris Houlker 07717 847849 www.able2.eu chris.houlker@able2.eu

Nothing new as such from Able 2 but a very useful contact, Chris Houlker, who is the Product Manager within the spinal products side of the business. He can make/advise on bespoke positioning aids etc.

8 Westholme

01422 260026 www.westholme.co.uk

Have brought out a new moving and handling product called the Four Way Slide.

9 SmitCare

Tele: 01276 677888 www.smitcare.co.uk

Tri fold trolley - can be folded for transit or storage. It is height adjustable and has two shaped trays each designed to retain a plate and cup so that foods can be safely transported without risk of sliding.

10 Buckingham Health Care

Tele: 02392 790977

www.buckinghamhealthcare.co.uk

- Fold Easy Portable Toilet Frame with Footplate first fully folding toilet frame in the UK. Takes up to 20 stone. Operated by two easy release mechanisms, it folds in on itself making it fully portable. Fits into the boot of the car providing the user with greater independence. The frame has a footplate at the front which fits flush to the floor so with the weight of the service user on the plate, keeps the frame firmly in place. Frame is height adjustable; making is suitable for all types of toilet.
- Bed Mate Ez new product which eases up the mattress from the base of the bed, making changing sheets easier

11 Astor Bannerman

Tele: 01242 820820

www.astorbannerman.co.uk

Shower Buddy S.B. 1 – this transfer system gives the freedom of keeping the existing bathroom or shower room. A metre square existing shower base is required. The chair slides into the base and the seat swivels round, alleviating lifting and any unnecessary transfers. This means that the service user can use their existing bathroom, without going to the expense of costly/disruptive building work. Features include –

21 stone weight limit
Commode system
360 degree swivel
No tool assembly
Lap and chest straps
Corrosion resistant
Height adjustable frame with arms and footrests

Price – one off, £1900

12 Homecraft

Tele: 08444 1234830

www.homecraft-roylan.com

Pillow Lifter – this is wider than the Serena pillow lifter from Mountway, it is still in the prototype stages. This lift enables the user to raise and lower themselves in a double bed, without disturbing their partner. The thick padded mattress on the product is angled where it meets the mattress of the bed, making the transition smoother and less noticeable. Features include -

40 stone maximum user weight Range of movement 9" to 72" Overall length 28½" Approx cost £300

13 Ricability Publications List

(independent research charity - product reviews) www.product-reviews.org.uk

Just to let you know – there are three new publications out

- Are you sitting comfortably?
 A guide to rise recliner chairs
- Stepping Out A guide to wheeled walking frames
- 3) Take your Medicine
 A guide to pill boxes, dispensers and reminders

14 Trabasack

Tele: 0800 5677812 www.trabasack.com

A bag and tray combined. A lightweight bag and flat tray on one side and a removable bean bag cushion underneath. Includes multi-use straps. Ideal for –

Food and drinks
Portable desk
Hobbies
Carrying belongings

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