

Justification for Changes of Contract Bath Board

The proposal from the bathing sub group is to add the NRS Nuvo bath board to the contract. The Nuvo Boards have been in circulation for approximately eighteen months and have been designed and trailed by O.Ts.

Proposed sizes are 26.5", 27.5" and 28.5". There will also be an extra wide heavy duty which NRS call a heavy duty shower board.

In this day and age of cross infection, the wooden boards seem out dated. Very few contracts now have them as plastic cleans so much better. Also the brackets underneath the wooden board do not always adjust and fit the bath well.

The Nuvo board has the added advantage of:

1. Greater weight limit- all take thirty stones.
- 2 .Cost effective.
3. They are slightly wider giving grater confidence to the service user.
4. Clean easily (having been tested by the cleaning staff at Alfreton)
5. Look modern.
6. All boards have the option of having a handle fitted.
7. unique locking system on the underside enables the board to fit the vast majority of baths. They have been tested with service users in Derbyshire.

The remaining slatted boards from sunrise Medical and the board with handle from the Helping Hand company will no longer be purchased as the Nuvo Board offers the same features.

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