

Bariatric Bed Evaluation - Summary of Beds Supplied to Service Users

Service User	1	2	3 to be provided	4	5
Weight of Service User	102.5kg	Not stated		36 stone	38 stone
Height of Service User	4'10"	Not stated		5'2" approx	6'4"
Type of bed	Genie Care x 3000 Bariatric Care bed	Bradshaw Bariatric Nursing Care Bed	Refurb	4ft Home Medical Bed – Action Assist	Bradshaw Bariatric Bed (old style, model now changed Oct 07 to a lower height)
Accessories being used	No extras required	Not stated		Not stated	Bed rails in situ not currently in use. Due to the nature of the clients zero tolerance to change, the OT felt best to provide in case SU needs should change
Type of mattress used	Heavy weight Genie Care Glide Mattress, with a waterlow 20-25	Refurbished bariatric mattress 4'		24 hour pressure relieving that come with the bed.	Visco elastic mattress in situ. SU very comfortable. I was unable to examine the mattress but his mother reports that there is no sign of dipping
Ease of use of controls	Difficult for SU, due to weakness in fingers. I contacted Genie Care, they told me that they do not do another type of control. Referred to Remap hoping they may have a solution	Excellent report for ease of use from s/u		Very easy buttons	SU does not use the controls himself as this mother operates the bed for him. She reports no problems with the control and finds them very easy to use.

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Profiling Ability i.e. smooth action, noisy, high enough etc	Profiling ability good – meets service user needs	Height adjustability essential & of excellent use		Quiet and very smooth	Smooth action, quiet. The bed goes low enough for SU.
Comfort and Fit of Pressure Care Products	Mattress compatible with bed. District Nurse happy with the quality of pressure relief	Not stated		Mattress tends to get a bit lumpy at the profiling points	SU reports mattress “too comfy” and does not want to get up in the morning. His mother thinks mattress fits well. It does not cause a problem but she feels that the bed rails stick out slightly down the side of the bed.
Did the overall dimensions of the bed meet the Service User needs?	Yes, meets moving and handling needs e.g. plenty of room for turning in order to apply slings and slide sheets.	Yes - completely		Yes	Yes
Overall Satisfaction	Service user, carers, nurses and OT satisfied with this bed. Main problem identified, use of control for the SU and that the company do not have any other suitable type. When I spoke to them, I was told that any other type of control, or adaptations to the existing control might affect the warranty.	Excellent unit which satisfied needs of s/u		Very, very pleased with it. Sleeps much better (uses Bli-PAP) can control bedhead height to ease breathing and assist getting out of bed. Helps with fluid retention therefore much better during the day	Perfect for their needs
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The Bariatric Sub Group identified the Bradshaw Bariatric Bed Package as the preferred product to add to contract.