



Disability Equipment Centre

What is a Disability Equipment Centre?

For many people with a disability, it is difficult to find what equipment is available to help overcome difficulties in the home, where to obtain it and what it will cost.

The Disability Equipment Centre has been set up as a showroom; we do not sell items of equipment, but we can offer professional advice and information on those things which best meet your needs.

The Disability Equipment Centre is a ground floor flat that has been fully adapted for use by disabled people, and contains a wide range of equipment to assist people with a disability, including bath lifts, kitchen gadgets, special chairs and a stair lift.

What can we offer?

Equipment

The range of specialised equipment on display can all be tried on site.

Advice

Professional advice can be given on all aspects of equipment, including cost.

Information

We can provide information sheets and catalogues on most equipment.

Facilities

The centre is wheelchair accessible, with adapted toilet and disabled parking bays in the adjacent car park.

Visiting is free of charge and by appointment only.



Who can attend?

The centre is open for anyone seeking advice about equipment for physical disability, including carers. The centre is also open to students and healthcare professionals.

The Disability Equipment Centre

The centre is based at Stour View Flat in the Stour View complex on Bath Road, Sturminster Newton, and is **by appointment only**. For information on how to book an appointment, please contact either Adrian Trowbridge or Sarah Wellard:

Tel: 01258 472652

Fax: 01258 473161

Email: northdorsetsocialcare@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Adult and Community Services Occupational Therapy Service

The Disability Equipment Centre does not replace the existing occupational therapy service, which offers a home assessment and advice about equipment and adaptations.

Compliments and complaints

Adult and Community Services staff in Dorset are committed to providing quality services to our service users, their carers and families. We welcome comments from our service users as this helps us to understand what aspects of our service people like.

If you are unhappy about the service you have received and want to make a complaint, our factsheet 'How to complain' describes the procedure. Our Complaints Officer can give you advice on the process and can be contacted on 01305 224322.

Diversity statement

Diversity is not about treating everyone in the same way, but about recognising and valuing difference, as well as recognising and addressing inequalities and disadvantage.

As an employer and service provider, Dorset County Council seeks to promote an environment that accepts and actively supports diversity in age, gender, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, religious belief, disability, culture, work style and the many other ways in which people differ from each other.



All our factsheets are available in large print and on audio cassette/CD, Braille, Easy to Read or alternative languages. Please contact the Information Office on 01305 224320.

Further information on services provided by Dorset County Council Adult and Community Services can be accessed at www.dorsetforyou.com

