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ABACUS PRESENTS POPULAR OT SEMINAR AND BATH SHOWCASE AT NAIDEX NATIONAL



Above and below: Kate Sheehan presents an educational seminar at Naidex.

Left: The Abacus exhibition stand at the NEC



In collaboration with Abacus Healthcare, Kate Sheehan, an Occupational Therapist with over 28 years' experience, delivered an informative seminar at Naidex that considered the importance of 'play' as part of the client assessment process.

In the UK, many children play at bath time yet it is not often a primary consideration within an Occupational Therapist's recommendations during the assessment process. This session explored 'play' as an occupation and considered how legislation and clinical reasoning can be used to

support the requirement of a bath in the design process.

This seminar was well attended and reflected the high levels of interest shown by visitors attending the Abacus exhibition stand. The Gemini, Aries and Scorpio baths were regularly demonstrated throughout the show.

SUCCESS AT BUSY KIDZ-IN-THE-MIDDLE

Abacus recently exhibited at the popular Kidz-in-the-Middle event which presented us with the opportunity to showcase our Aquanova range of specialist baths.



We were able to meet Occupational Therapists and families face-to-face and offer hands-on demonstrations of bathing equipment. Product Specialists were available to offer expert advice and recommend a range of solutions to families and healthcare professionals needing help and guidance.

If you missed out this time, don't worry - we'll be exhibiting at other Disabled Living events later in the year!



Welcome to the Spring issue of our Abacus Healthcare newsletter. 2014 proved to be a very busy year for us with the launch of our new Aquanova baths and, so far, 2015 looks like it will be even busier!

This issue includes two interesting client stories, one in a domestic setting and the other in a respite care centre - both installations benefitting from an Aquanova bath.

We would welcome all visitors to come and try our baths at the various exhibitions we will be attending. We look forward to the next one, Kidz-South - a unique opportunity for you to gain invaluable advice and guidance regarding assisted bathing.





Gordon Farniole,
Managing Director, Abacus Healthcare

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APPLEWOOD CENTRE BENEFITS FROM SCORPIO PLUS WITH TRANSIT CHAIR

A Scorpio Plus bath with detachable transfer seat enables young children at Applewood Respite Centre in Surrey to enjoy the pleasures of bathing again.



Opened in 2011, Applewood is a respite care centre providing a mix of day-care and overnight break support services for local families with disabled children aged between five and eighteen.

Following a thorough assessment process, Abacus Healthcare was selected to supply and install a Scorpio Plus bath.

Suitable for a range of clients with differing abilities, the Scorpio Plus is an evolution of the Pisces and combines the benefits of a powered transfer seat with the versatility of an integrated, bathing platform.



The transfer seat can also be detached and used as a wheelchair, reducing the number of transfers between the bathroom and other rooms.

Elizabeth Mahdi, Centre Manager for Applewood and a qualified nurse concluded: 'My care team and our children have benefited significantly from the installation of the new Scorpio Plus bath. It can be raised higher than our previous bath which is important as it reduces moving and handling risks. As we move forward introducing new and more specialist services, the Scorpio Plus will help us continue delivering quality care.'

TWINS WITH CEREBRAL PALSY ENJOY BATHING AGAIN THANKS TO A **SCORPIO BATH**

Father, Kevin Latham, is the primary carer for Jack and Rebecca who live with Cerebral Palsy, a neurological condition that affects their ability to walk and general co-ordination. As they have grown, access to the family's traditional style bath was becoming increasingly difficult, particularly as both children require assistance moving around the home. Kevin's back was under increasing strain from lifting his two children in and out of the bath on a regular basis, therefore a long-term solution was required.

Although a wet room was initially proposed, Kevin was keen to retain a bath as the children found bathing so much



more enjoyable. A grant to install an Aquanova Scorpio bath with transfer seat was secured after Kevin approached his OT and local NHS Trust. Bob Gibbs, Product Specialist from Abacus, oversaw the entire process to ensure the project ran smoothly.

Kevin was delighted with the new specialist bath, concluding: 'My children have great fun bathing now and I no longer suffer with back pain which is such a relief!'



NEW POSTURAL SUPPORTS – COMING SOON!

We are excited to announce the forthcoming release of our new postural supports, allowing users to bathe more comfortably and safely. We are continually developing our wide range of specialist bathing accessories, so watch this space!



WHERE TO SEE US IN 2015

Kidz-South: 4th June, Reading

Kidz-up-North: 20th November, Manchester

OT Show: 25-26th November, Birmingham

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