



Changing Places Toilet Facility – Guidelines for Use

This facility is designed to support parents/carers of disabled people who require the use of a hoist, changing bench and/or centrally located toilet.

1. Anyone wishing to use the 'Changing Places' Facilities should be appropriately trained in the use of specialist equipment including hoists and changing benches. If the person is in any doubt how to use the equipment, they should not use the facilities.
2. It is for the person(s) using the facilities to satisfy themselves regarding compatibility of their slings with the hoist. East Suffolk Council do not supply slings for health and safety reasons. If there is any doubt whether a person's sling is compatible with the hoist, they should not use the facilities.
3. Before use of the changing bench please ensure that a protective paper sheet is placed on the bench and removed after use.
4. All soiled/disposable material should be placed in the sanitary bins provided.
5. Please take all soiled clothing away and under no circumstances should clothing be washed on the premises, as this will cause contamination.
6. It is the carer's responsibility to ensure the safety of the user including use of the hoists and under no circumstances should the weight limit of the equipment be exceeded. For the hoist maximum weight is 31.5 stone (200kg) and for the changing bench maximum weight is 31.5 stone (200kg).
7. In order to ensure the high quality of this service, please report any damage or hygiene issues to Suffolk Coastal Norse immediately on 01394 444000 or via www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk.
8. Further information can be obtained from the Changing Places website www.changing-places.org

Please note this hoist is not for independent use