

We are very sorry to tell you that Pete Parry has resigned and left Remap. For many years he, as the chairman of our trustees and of the South Herts Panel has been the driving force in Remap. We have seen many changes, not least in changing Remap to a Charitable Company limited by guarantee and producing a comprehensive Operating Manual. Under his guidance the South Herts Panel has been one of our bugbears, carrying out more referrals than any other panel and denying us the top spot in referrals per year. Fred Maillardet –the vice chairman of the trustees has taken over temporarily as chairman in his place. Fred has been a member of Remap for many years and is also chairman of the Brighton panel. We are in safe hands with him at the helm

Moving on - recently we have been very fortunate in getting four new panel members – Vic Brown from Matlock, Chris Morison from Ashbourne, James Unwin from Alvaston and John Gellatly from Duffield. They have all taken on work and are supplementing our capabilities very well.

DB-002-16, Mike Banks

This lady with severe back pain that made sitting uncomfortable needed a portable chair, to match a previous one that supported her comfortably, that she could take with her when visiting friends.

To avoid most of the load being applied to the client's "sitting bones" a design that distributed it around the periphery of the buttocks was done.. The zig-zag chair springs in the region of the buttocks were removed and a plywood plate installed with a hole in it. This plate was supported at the rear by the chair cross member and located by means of a steel channel section bolted transversely to the underside at the rear of the plate.

It was found that the back of the seat did not provide enough horizontal support for the base of the client's back. This was solved by installing one of the redundant zig-zag springs in the back of the chair between the two existing springs.



DB-121-15, Allan Sutton

An elderly lady had a special Mediquip toilet seat with a shaped recess designed to suit her stiff leg problem. It sat directly on top of the standard toilet pan. Sadly, used in this way she found it very uncomfortable because her back was then jammed against the underside of the raised toilet seat..

The seat could not be adjusted, so the standard seat was modified by increasing the size of the hole slightly at the front and at either side towards the back. The edges were then rounded and polished to match the original. The slot in the front guide was modified so that it now fitted over the standard seat.



DB-112-15, Mike Banks

An elderly man who used a stomach feeding tube, needed something to support the feeding syringe/bottle as he became too tired to hold it in position for the lengthy periods when he was being fed.

A welded stand, "L" shaped, was fabricated so that it could be placed close to the client's tilting chair. It had both a telescopic vertical pillar and a telescopic horizontal arm.

The height of the horizontal arm was set by spring-loaded detents that engaged with any one of a series of holes in the vertical pillar.

The horizontal arm length could be adjusted as well as being able to pivot through 360° This allowed precise positioning of the syringe/bottle assembly to suit the client's needs. The whole system was easily disassembled for transport when the client visits relatives.



DB-091-15, Chris Morison

A boy with Muscular Atrophy had a Mediquip ramp that was too narrow for his powered wheelchair to pass into the nursery.

The ramp needed to be at least 1.2m in length, 1m in width and rise in the middle to overcome the door threshold that was 60/70mm high..

A suitable sized ramp was made using a piece of rather thin alloy tread-plate that had been bent by a local firm. Wood blocks were added to stiffen it and rope loops attached to facilitate lifting.



DB-107-15, Dennis Whinfrey

A lady who lacked standing & sitting control used a toilet seat to aid transfers but needed a lock adding to it so it didn't flip up at the wrong time.

This Mediquip plastic toilet seat had a flat surface on the underside that matched the nearly flat top of the porcelain toilet bowl. Four short lengths of sticky backed Velcro were attached between the two surfaces to greatly improve the security of the seat without any modification to the plastic seat.

Arrangements were made to replace the Velcro when necessary but his seemed to be lasting quite well at the moment



DB-114-15, Ralph Anderson

This elderly man who could only see things as light or dark purchased a four wheeled walker. He wanted a cup holder mounted on it so he could safely carry hot drinks.

An aluminium "mess tin" was used to hold a cup so that any slops from the cup would be contained within it..

A hook was attached to one side of it and hung over the walker top tube. It was long enough to rest against the tube below thus holding the tin level

Anti-slip matting in the bottom of the tin reduced the risk of the clients cup sliding about in it..



DB-106-15, Vic Brown

A mother needed a baby seat adding to her disabled son's wheelchair so she could take his one year old sister out with him.

Steel split Tee clamps were made with locating pegs welded into the vertical branch of the T's to accept the baby seat support tubes. The clamps were fitted on to the wheelchair bottom longitudinal frame into existing holes.

The seat support tubes were bent to 90°, and formed the frame for the plywood seat base to bolt to it. A child's booster seat was then sat onto the base board and secured in position with 2 buckle type straps which passed through slits in the seat moulding and underneath the base frame.



DB-015-16, Mike Banks

An elderly man had difficulty moving his footstool. He needed something to make it easier to move.

The four welded-on footstool feet were cut off and replaced by suitably sized castors so that the overall height of the stool was unaltered.



DB-010-16, Malcolm Logan/Jean Bates

An 11 months old girl who was in plaster for twelve week with a dislocated hip s needed a play table and a means of sitting up.

A wooden shaped table, adjustable in height and tilt was made using Zimmer frame parts. It was covered with Fablon type stick on material.



A seating support was arranged using existing bean bags and back supports.