



## Toilet & Bath

Products to make bathing and  
toileting comfortable and safe

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# Considerations when choosing toileting & bathing equipment

Bathtime for kids is for fun, splashing about and playing. For others it might mean quiet time to relax and unwind. For everyone it is important that we feel comfortable and safe. Our range of bathroom products are designed to give needed support, protect independence and provide dignity during personal care activities. Helena Poulton, Advanced Practitioner OT identifies some of the key questions when choosing bathroom equipment.

## Bathing

- How will the user get in and out of the bath?
- Will the user sit or lie in the bath?
- Will the user need some help to sit up?
- Will the carer be safe and comfortable?



## Showering

- Can the user get in to the shower independently?
- Can the user get close enough to the controls?
- Do the user have good head control?
- Do the user need to adjust your height?
- Will the user feel safe and stable?
- Will the user be at the right height for the carer to help?
- Is there enough space to move around?



## Toileting

- Can the user sit without support?
- Can the user get on and off the seat independently?
- Will the user have a hand free to use the toilet roll?
- Are the users feet supported when sitting on the seat?
- Can the user get to the sink to wash hands easily?
- Do the user feel safe and steady enough to use the toilet?
- Do the user feel that privacy and dignity is respected?

# Something for all ages and needs

Here are just a few examples from the R82 toileting & bathing range. There are different products for different goals as Helena explains.



## Penguin/Orca

The Penguin can be used in the Orca bath tub, but fits ordinary bath tubs as well. With its suction cups, the Penguin sits firmly on most smooth surfaces.



## Manatee

The bathing chair is designed to support the user to maintain safe sitting position. The depth of the seat can be adjusted, allowing the bathing chair to “grow” with the child and provides many years of use.



## Swan

The shell supports the trunk and shoulders and help the user to maintain an upright trunk position. The frame is height adjustable which is important for the carer to be able to use it easily. Tilt in space comes as standard.



## Heron

The simple design and clean appearance conceal multiple functionality features that improve both the user and carer experience. Find out how the Heron can reduce workload for carers on page 6.



**Your comfort and safety**

Your comfort and safety is our priority. Whether simple or complex, every R82 toilet & bath product is manufactured to the highest industry standards with design, innovation and quality in mind.



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# Reducing the workload for carers



The height adjustable feature supported by a gaspring (Flamingo high-low), hydraulic or power (Heron) can reduce the number of transfers required.



Watch how Hayla enjoys using the Heron and how the height adjustable frame and tilt-in-space function eases the different care situations in the bathroom.



# Flamingo High-low - A Case Study



“We now have a smooth transition from shower to toilet to sink”

## Tia, 3

Tia, 3, pictured is trying out the Flamingo High-low. It's height adjustability function allows her parents to perform bathing and hygiene tasks at a convenient and good working position.

Tia's mum Lesley comments “not only does the Flamingo high-low help me but it will aid the development of Tia's independent bathing and hygiene skills... We now have a smooth transition from shower to toilet to sink”.

### Key benefits include:

- Ability to adjust while user is in the seat
- Responsive foot pedals for easy height and tilt in space
- Ability to reduce the number of transfers needed
- Easy to manoeuvre, even in tight spaces



[Read Tia's case study](#)

## Products based on users real experiences

Ben has been using toilet and bathing products to assist with his postural needs associated with fluctuating muscle tone throughout his life.

He has been involved with provision of feedback and contributions to the design of various pieces of equipment, including the Heron. Feedback from Ben was used by the R82 design team and improvements were made to the recline function, arm rest position, footplates and padding to the leg rests.



Ben went to the Bath Spa University to study Creative Computing and is now well placed and experienced to be able to further contribute to product design. We are proud of this collaboration with Ben.



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