

CLIENT: Matthew Hopwood

SOLUTION PROVIDER: Theraposture

DAILY LIVING REQUIREMENTS: adjustable positioning for comfortable sleeping and height adjustment for daily care routines

PRODUCT: Single Theracare Low bed



Theracare Low profiling and height adjustable bed delivers comfort, safety and peace of mind to Hopwood family

Matthew Hopwood, 14 from Wrea Green in Lancashire, is a vibrant young teenager with Cerebral Palsy and Epilepsy. He lives with his mother Michele and younger brother Will who are supported by two carers so that Matthew's care needs are met 24/7. The family have recently moved into a new house with accessible adaptations and equipment that includes a Theracare Low assistive bed so that Matthew can remain at home comfortably and safely.

The Hopwood family originated from near Carlisle in Cumbria and relocated to their new home in January 2013. Michele practised as a qualified nurse for over 15 years and then worked for a Cerebral Palsy charity until Matthew's condition resulted in the need for extra care. Now that the family have carer support and a range specialist equipment, Michele may return to her career as everyday living is becoming easier.

Due to his condition, Matthew's behaviour can be challenging and the need for a range of specialist

equipment is paramount for the Hopwood family and carers. Before moving into their new home, Michele discussed the need for a specialist profiling bed with her designated Occupational Therapist, Kristy Blaen. Kristy from A Chance for Life recommended Theraposture and suggested that a home demonstration by one of their specialist assessors was required. This subsequent appointment fully explained in practical terms the significant improvement an adjustable Theracare bed would make to day to day living and care routines.



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Following a comprehensive assessment of Matthew's needs, a Theracare Low bed was prescribed and handcrafted by Theraposture at its dedicated workshop in Westbury, Wiltshire.

This profiling and height adjustable bed is ideal for the Hopwood family as it provides both comfort and safety for Matthew and reduces possible back strain for Michele and her carers whilst attending to his needs. As Matthew can be prone to high levels of movement during the night, the sleeping platform can be lowered to floor level so the possibility of falling out of bed is eliminated. This low positioning also gives Matthew easy access to his bed which is essential due to his limited mobility and therefore carer intervention is not required. When in bed, his position can then be adjusted if required by Michele or a carer so that an elevated head or leg position is achieved.

In addition to Matthew's medical needs, the Theracare Low resolves care issues for Michele as she explains: "As I unfortunately have a bad back, this remarkable Theraposture bed has saved the day! When I need to help Matthew or assist with a transfer, I can operate the powered height adjustment feature so the mattress lifts to a comfortable working height. If I need to help Matthew sit up then the profiling mechanism gently lifts him forward, so I do not have to bend or risk injuring a muscle which happened commonly before owning this bed. It looks great in his bedroom and you would never know it is a 'magic bed' as Matthew calls it. He also



Matthew's Theracare Low bed encompasses both powered profiling and height adjustment so care routines are significantly easier for Michele

always says the mattress is so comfortable and when Matthew undergoes major surgery on his legs in the next few months, this bed will be even more essential in terms of his rehabilitation."

Owning a Theracare bed from Theraposture has many benefits over and above the seven day suitability guarantee that ensures the right product is supplied every time. As the bed can be adapted with a wide range of accessories such as cot sides and varying pressure-relieving mattresses, Matthew's Theracare Low will always meet his requirements even if his condition changes over time. Access

underneath for positioning a hoist is straightforward and the hand controller is ergonomic and easy to use.

Michele concludes: "I can honestly say that out of all our specialist equipment, this Theraposture bed has made the biggest difference and we would be lost without it."

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The Theracare Low profiling nursing bed offers all the function of a variable height and profiling solution but with the added advantage of low access. Therapists are increasingly requesting this type of bed following risk assessments, which has resulted in the development of the Theracare Low adjustable bed by Theraposture. Eliminating the need to nurse patients on the floor who are prone to falling out of bed, the Theracare Low minimises back strain for carers through its ability to provide a safe working level. It delivers an impressive height adjustment from 23 cm to 83 cm above floor level (measured without the mattress) and fully complies with BSEN60601-2-52 safe working height requirements.

“ As an Occupational Therapist, I have worked with Theraposture to assist in supplying equipment for both children and adults. I chose Theraposture as a company as they always deliver support and after-sales service that is flexible, diligent and professional.

Any issues that we may encounter after receiving equipment is quickly and efficiently rectified by Theraposture's Assessors and Installers. The equipment supplied by Theraposture is supportive and functional as well as easy to use and aesthetically pleasing. The staff are all very approachable and have a friendly manner.

Our clients have all had positive experiences with Theraposture and I would recommend them again and again. ”

Kristy Blaen BSc Hons
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