

Name: Barney Clark

Client challenges:

Numerous disabilities resulting from brain tumour removal including difficulties with balance, co-ordination and safety awareness

Solution: Mascot Mk2 Care Cot



CASE STUDY 07



Theraposture Mascot Care Cot delivers essential safety, comfort and care to 5-year-old disabled Barney and family from Cornwall.

Barney Clark is able to sleep safely and enjoy a greater sense of security thanks to a trusted and proven height adjustable Mascot Mk2 Care Cot from Theraposture.



With three young siblings Barney is a remarkable boy who survived a brain tumour and a 10% chance of survival at one-year-old. Following surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy continues to enhance his abilities however he lives with several disabilities associated with co-ordination and balance. To remain safe and comfortable when at rest it is essential that he has an appropriate care cot that protects him as

Barney has no safety awareness. He can achieve a sit-to-stand with assistance however Barney cannot maintain a standing position unaided.

During the night Barney needs to be connected to his ventilator via his tracheostomy and hence must sleep with his head in an elevated position. Before owning a power adjustable Mascot, Barney and his

family were trying to manage these challenges using an outdated white metal high-sided cot kindly loaned by the Royal Cornwall Hospital. This bed quickly became impractical as Barney grew larger which resulted in his Mum, Amy, rapidly seeking a better solution.

Amy is a qualified hospital Doctor training for General Practice and initially discussed Barney's needs with her assigned community nursing team and Occupational Therapist.

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Amy spent time researching online for assistive beds that might be ideal for her son. This led to the discovery of a YouTube video produced by Theraposture which highlighted the several unique features and benefits of the Mascot height adjustable cot. Amy explains: "The video I found on the Mascot was brilliant and so helpful. It clearly explained the product and encouraged me to request this solution for Barney via my OT. I had looked at other products but none of them ticked all the boxes. Watching the video was the next best thing to being in a shop, it made it so easy to understand the product."

Supplied by leading specialists, Theraposture, the Mascot Mk2 Care Cot is the only fully flexible paediatric sleeping solution that can be adapted to changing needs. It is a future proof cot that has retrospective adaptability with features such as interchangeable 4-8 door access on both sides, dividers to customise internal space and wide-ranging door inset designs. The Mascot negates the need to purchase a new cot in the future, it is a paediatric care bed for life that can be adapted with a range of door heights. The Mascot can be specified with safety padding with a variety of fun and engaging designs and also provides neat side access for feeding tubes and ventilator pipes.

Quiet electric motors provide sleeping platform height adjustment along with mattress profiling as an additional option, so totally bespoke positioning can be achieved. This provides added comfort for young users and safe working access for parents and carers as excessive bending and stooping can be avoided. Handcrafted in solid Beech with concealed quality German engineering the Mascot is aesthetically pleasing and does not resemble a medical bed. It provides a safe and secure place for children

to rest in a visually non-enclosed environment, whilst giving parents peace of mind.

Amy continues: "Following my research I contacted Theraposture and one of its Trusted Assessors, Richard McCracken came to visit. Richard brought along a Mascot cot and assessed our needs to check if it would be appropriate for Barney, us and our carers. In his professional opinion he agreed it would be suitable and submitted his recommendations to our OT. We then had to seek funding which was finally provided several months later by the CCG. The need for the cot had become critical at that time as Barney was experiencing seizures at night, we were desperate for a safer solution."

"The Mascot was delivered and installed with no hassle and fitted perfectly into Barney's room – Theraposture had made a shortened version for us. The Mascot immediately made Barney's room look like a cosy and inviting bedroom again, not a hospital ward."

The Clark family have now owned their Mascot for a few months and it has delivered significant improvements to day-to-day practicalities, care and well-being for all the family. Amy adds: "Barney loves his Mascot. I can see he feels safe in it and with the combination of Perspex door inserts and coloured rods he is not enclosed. Plus he can't poke his arms and legs through any gaps which was becoming an issue with his previous cot. The powered high-low adjustment makes caring for Barney so much easier especially when we put the Mascot's sleeping platform in its lowest position at floor level – we can attend to Barney with the doors open and with no fear of him falling."

Being able to elevate Barney's head position at night is crucial for easier breathing and we



also raise his knee position for greater postural support. We have carers who monitor Barney every night to make sure he is ok and if he does have a seizure, he can be aided quickly and helped to regain stability. However in simple terms I would say the best benefit of having a Mascot is that we can now sit and cuddle him in the same bed. We can read to him side-by-side which was never possible before, that's so special!"

David Holtum, Theraposture Managing Director concluded: "We are delighted to hear how well Barney and his family are doing since delivery of their Mascot. The Mascot is specifically designed to offer age appropriate safety, security and comfort – this is what parent's need and want for their children. It is a welcoming and calming space for children that gives total reassurance to parents of disabled children, especially at night. Combined with our 14-day Suitability Guarantee and the expert advice of our Trusted Assessors, the Mascot cot is a proven solution that helps families enjoy life with greater peace of mind."

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For further information on the proven Mascot, call Theraposture on:

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