

# Adjustable bed and cot funding guide



Theraposture is the market leading supplier of specialist adjustable sleeping solutions that provide comfort and safety to children and adults with disabilities. We are often recommended by OT's as we provide individually prescribed solutions of the highest quality following a detailed assessment process.

To assist with funding of our care cots and beds, this helpful guide provides essential information regarding routes to ownership. We work closely with families and professionals to deliver positive outcomes for all.



## Your ownership options

### Statutory Services (NHS and Social Services)

If you are caring for a disabled child, Social Services have an obligation to assess their needs and to provide a solution. By contacting your Local Authority's Paediatric Occupational Therapy or Physiotherapy Department, you may be entitled to provision of a specialist adjustable bed or cot. Normally an Occupational Therapist (OT) will visit you and recommend appropriate equipment to help with care needs, independence, safety and family life. The NHS works with Social Services and Equipment Services to find solutions for those in need.

Theraposture has over 40 years' experience of working closely with Social Services and OTs and our products are regularly funded. We always recommend a Healthcare Professional is involved in the specification of suitable equipment so the individual needs of the user are met. Our trusted solutions provide utmost safety, comfort and durability for children with a range of conditions. Assessment based provision is the Theraposture way.

### Charity grants

As funding by Social Services becomes increasingly restricted, many families seek whole or part funding from charities. There are many national charities that can potentially help including:

- Newlife, the charity for Disabled Children
- The Boparan Charitable Trust
- Caudwell Children
- Variety, the children's charity
- Young Epilepsy

Theraposture has a long standing relationship with Newlife so we can provide cots and beds quickly and efficiently. The Boparan charity often approve applications in a few weeks if they are supported by a Healthcare Professional.

It is always worth researching local charities in your area and organisations such as The Rotary Club and The Masons may be able to assist.

### Newlife loans (EEL)

In situations where there is an urgent need for a specialist care cot or bed, Newlife can often loan equipment free of charge. Newlife will insist on the involvement of an OT.

In these circumstances Theraposture can deliver and install a product in a matter of days so a desperate and unsafe situation can be resolved. Newlife then contact Statutory Services on behalf of the recipient to ascertain whether a permanent solution is possible. Often, the loan bed is proven to be absolutely essential so Social Services then have the option to fund the bed or seek a similar alternative.

### Private funding

Purchasing directly from Theraposture is an option that means potential delays and disappointment can be avoided. Many of our clients now buy directly from us to ensure that they receive the best products in a timely fashion.

Our processes and prices are the same regardless of how equipment is funded and we always recommend the involvement of a Healthcare Professional.

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When seeking a quality care cot or bed it is important to select an established supplier with a proven reputation. We have been supplying quality solutions since 1981 and hence can provide expert advice through decades of experience. Below is a selection of key points to consider when choosing the right product for a disabled child or young adult.

## The need for appropriate assessment

It is vital that a qualified Healthcare Professional, such as an OT, is involved in the process of obtaining a specialist cot or bed. This will ensure all of the 'needs' and 'wants' of the child, along with possible risks, are fully understood for now and in the future.

Theraposture regularly helps during this process by providing free product demonstrations and a written report to support funding applications. By working together the best possible solution can be achieved.

## Ensure you receive a Suitability Guarantee

This provides time to assess the suitability of a cot or bed after purchase. If you choose a product from Theraposture you have the advantage of 14 days to decide whether the solution is exactly what is needed. In the rare occasion it is not Theraposture will:

- Adapt the product to overcome the issue
- Remake the product or supply a different product to the equivalent value
- Collect the product and refund the costs in full, less delivery and collection costs

## Choose 'future-proof' products

A child's needs may change in the future so selecting an adaptable and flexible product provides the most cost effective choice. The Mascot Mk2 from Theraposture is a prime example of a cot that can be changed to meet changing needs. It is the ONLY fully modular cot bed in the world and has been proven to be one of the most popular choices available today.

## Cheapest isn't always the best

Your Local Authority Equipment Services may be unable to provide high quality products due to budget restraints. It is always best to talk to them about providing the best equipment as higher value beds often look better and last longer than cheaper basic beds. Talk to your OT about Direct Payments and how you can "top up" to get the product you want.

## The importance of BSEN60601-2-52 and BSEN50637 compliance

These are the European Standard that ethical adjustable bed manufacturers adhere to, so that the safety of carers and disabled children is maximised. These standards consider factors such as safe working heights and entrapment risks. All adjustable Theraposture beds and cots fully comply with these European-wide standards – **not all beds from other suppliers do!**

## 'Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)'

This term may be used as a reason not to provide a safe and secure cot for your child to sleep in. It can be based on the opinion that enclosure of a child may not be in their best interests – many parents and children disagree with this. Each situation MUST be individually assessed in order to make a judgement. The best solution is to find the least restrictive equipment whilst balancing the need for safety and well-being. DoLS is only relevant to over 18's so in the case of children it cannot apply.

**Your child has a right to privacy, liberty, security and family life. A specialist bed from Theraposture can provide this in your home.**



## The trusted choice

Theraposture is a proven, vastly experienced and ethical choice for Care Cots and beds for all ages. Our extensive range of adjustable sleeping solutions are handcrafted to each individually prescribed specification.

They are often equipped with electronic variable height, profiling and Anti-Trendelenburg. Often beds can be fitted with bespoke padding and specialist mattresses. We provide the total solution – all individually assessed solutions to help with independence at home.

## Theraposture delivers:

- The widest range of tailor-made solutions
- Assessments that often include a demonstration
- Quality products and outstanding value
- Fully inclusive 3 year warranties
- 40 years' experience of working closely with families and OTs
- Increased safety for children and parents
- 14-day no quibble Suitability Guarantees
- Fully modular designs that change when needs change
- The Mascot Mk2 cot – fully flexible and future proof
- The Newlife Emergency Equipment Loan (EEL) service
- Positive outcomes for all

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