

Guidance for the use of Colchester Borough Councils Changing Places facility

The changing place facility is not for independent use and the user should be accompanied by a carer.

- Changing Place toilet facilities are intended for disabled people who require the assistance of a carer to use the toilet. To use the Colchester Borough Council Changing Places, users need to register with Colchester Borough Council to obtain a code for access to the unit. Evidence of high rated Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independent Payment must be provided before a code is issued. Codes must not be shared between users.
- Anybody wishing to use this Changing Place Facility should be appropriately trained in the use of specialist equipment including hoists and changing benches. If you are not sure how to use the equipment you should not attempt to use it.
- As a Carer using the facility you will need to satisfy yourself that the slings you are using are compatible with the hoist. Colchester Borough Council does not supply slings for health and safety reasons. If there is any doubt as to the compatibility of slings, then the hoist should not be used.
- Before using the facility please use the protective paper provided and remove the paper after use.
- All soiled/disposable material should be placed in the sanitary waste bin provided. Please take all soiled clothing away, and please consider others and leave the room neat and tidy.
- As a Carer/user it is your responsibility to ensure safety at all times, especially when using the hoist. Under no circumstances should the weight limit of the equipment be exceeded. Hoist maximum weight 31.5 stone (200kg) and the changing bench maximum weight is 30 stone (190kg).
- In order to maintain a high quality of service please contact our Castle Park Staff if the equipment is damaged or faulty. Or call 07794 0261197