**Changing Places Toilets**

Dear All,

We would be grateful if you could forward the information below to your membership and relevant networks at the earliest opportunity.

Background

The Government has invited Cornwall Council to submit a bid for funding for Changing Places Toilets. We’re expecting the funding may enable the building of up to 3 new facilities in Cornwall.

A Changing Places toilet is a larger, accessible toilet with equipment such as hoists, privacy screens, adult-sized changing benches, peninsular toilets and space for carers. They are designed to meet needs of disabled children and adults with complex care needs who need carer support, appropriate equipment and more space.Changing Places Toilets are particularly targeted to meet the needs of people who:

* Require hoisting from their wheelchair onto, and support once on, the toilet
* Are incontinent and require hoisting onto a changing bench
* Are not wheelchair users but have other complex needs e.g. those with balance or health/size issues; or severe autism or challenging behaviours who are not easy to toilet and need space for carer support, or to manage behaviour and hyperactivity
* Are carers, to use the toilet with dignity whilst keeping the person they are caring for safe

The Government wants to substantially increase the number of Changing Places toilets in existing publicly accessible buildings. The aim is for people with complex needs, and their families, to have greater access to public places and services that many of us take for granted, helping towards all disabled people being able to take part in everyday activities with the same dignity as everyone else.

We have opened a call for Expressions of Interest from organisations in public, private and voluntary & community sector willing to work with us to install Changing Places toilets in their buildings.

We would welcome the views of the envisaged users and their families about where in Cornwall they would most like to see these facilities installed. The feedback will help us to prioritise any Expressions of Interest we receive and inform and support our bid to Government.

We already have some changing places in Cornwall. You can find out here where they are: [Physical Disabilities - Cornwall Council](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/physical-disabilities/)

Have Your Say on Changing Places Toilets

Please send us your answers to the following questions by email to changingplaces@cornwall.gov.uk or by post to:

Have Your Say on Changing Places Toilets

Cornwall Council

Room 4S

County Hall

Truro

TR1 3AY

Please make sure your feedback reaches us by 10 September 2021.

Our Questions for Your Feedback

Consultation carried out by Muscular Dystrophy UK identified the most requested locations being:

* Country parks/open spaces (including beaches, parks and gardens)
* Tourist/visitor attractions
* transport networks
* entertainment venues
* retail

Q1 - What type of locations would you / your family most benefit from if Changing Places Toilets would be available there – and why?

Q2 – Which specific locations in Cornwall would you / your family most like to see a Changing Places toilet installed? Please list up to 5 venues / locations in priority order

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Q3- Do you have any feedback on any of the existing Changing toilets in Cornwall. You can find out here where they are here

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/physical-disabilities/>

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Thank you

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