



Eden Project shows off Ergolet equipment in new 'Changing Places' toilet

Danish mobility company Ergolet has fitted its revolutionary overhead lifting system in a new disability suite at Cornwall's Eden Project.

The Ergolet system was installed in a state-of-the-art Changing Places toilet which includes a height adjustable changing bench, an Ergolet overhead lifting system, shower and space for a disabled person and up to two carers. The new suite is in a prominent, front of house position, next to the Visitor Centre.

The major differences between an accessible toilet and Changing Places toilet (or disability suite) are sufficient floor space (12m²), and the right equipment, including an overhead lifting system to help move people from a wheelchair to the toilet or changing table.ⁱ

The Ergolet lifting system provides complete 'in-room' mobility, allowing a single carer to transfer a person to and from a wheelchair and around the room. Although it covers all corners of the room, the Ergolet's Luna lifting unit can be pushed back to the wall when the hoist is not in use, preserving the open space so the room is fully accessible for people in larger, motorised wheelchairs.

Jane Stoneham of the Sensory Trust, who advised on the installation of the disability suite, commented: "Most people assume that disability suites have to be purpose built. However the Eden Project suite shows that retro-fitting is possible if the right space is available, and the right equipment is used."

David Lomas, Ergolet's UK sales director, said: "We've enjoyed the challenge of working with this popular tourist destination to provide first-class facilities.

"There are still relatively few disability suites in the UK, but the number is increasing and we're looking forward to working with many more attractions to dramatically improve the experience had by disabled visitors."

For more information about Ergolet visit: www.ergolet.com, or email: info@ergolet.co.uk

For more information about the Eden Project visit: www.edenproject.com

For a full list of Changing Places toilets in the UK visit: www.changing-places.org

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About Ergolet:

The Ergolet system is based on wall-mounted, load-bearing Etrack, and a compact, portable Luna lifting unit, which can be used in any room where Etrack is fitted. The Etrack is fitted on opposite walls along the length of the room, a traverse bar is fitted to Etrack to span the width of the room, and the Luna lifting unit is suspended from the traverse bar. A hand-held 'remote control' device controls lifting and lowering.

Unlike conventional overhead tracking systems, Ergolet's wall-mounted tracking can be fitted where there is no access to the room above, or in rooms with domed ceilings.

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ⁱ According to standards developed by the Changing Places Consortium (based on British Standard 8300:2009)