Show-stopping Mayflower Theatre Achieves Gold Standard Changing Places

Established in 1928, the Mayflower Theatre is one of the biggest theatres on the south coast with over 2,270 seats in their auditorium. Offering a diverse range of shows to Southampton, with a mixture of spectacular touring productions, from musicals - many direct from the West End – to dance, opera, drama, ballet and comedy.

We were delighted to be brought on board to support and install the creation of an accessible Changing Places Toilet. This fully inclusive Changing Places includes all of the vital pieces of equipment from a full covering hoist system to a height adjustable changing table.

Our specialists were able to apply their experience and technical knowledge to ensure an easy no-hassle installation took place. This included our early involvement, which allow us to apply a chemical first fix into the hollow core ceiling. Our engineers worked closely with the on-site construction team and together created a Gold Standard Changing Places toilet for locals and theatre goer's to enjoy.

Michael Ockwell, Chief Executive of Mayflower Theatre, said: “After hearing the story of Sarah Brisdion, who caught headlines last year when she posted pictures of herself on the toilet to campaign for better public toilet facilities, we knew that this was something we should be installing as part of our refurbishment. Live performance has the power to move and inspire, which is a wonderful thing. We believe it should be accessible to all, which is why we're continuing to work hard to ensure people with access issues and disabilities can visit us with ease. Our new Changing Places toilet will make a big difference, as will the other improved accessibility measures we are installing as part of our multi-million pound refurbishment project.
The Detail

This Changing Places installation includes:

- 12m² of space for those in need of space for a wheelchair and carers
- The OT200 Ceiling Hoist with our unique gravity charging system designed to help ensure carers avoid risk of injury.
- The height adjustable ABW6 Washbasin
- An adult-sized height adjustable Nivano Changing Table
- The wall-mounted Ocura Privacy Screen
- Grab rails, Support arms, a Colostomy Bag shelf and other ancillary products included in the BS8300:2018 standard.

The Campaign

Changing Places is a campaign on behalf of people who cannot use standard accessible toilets. This includes people with profound learning disabilities, their carers, as well as other disabled people. They need Changing Places toilets with space and the right equipment— including a height adjustable changing table and a ceiling hoist.

Aveso are the official sponsors and equipment manufacturers of the Changing Places Campaign. Aveso have installed Ceiling Hoists, Adjustable Sinks and Changing Tables in Changing Places projects throughout the country, from libraries to universities to schools to public spaces.

As the official manufacturers of the Changing Places campaign, we offer a unique insight into the specified equipment ensuring a project is fully compliant and meets all of the Changing Places specifications as set out in the BS8300:2018.

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