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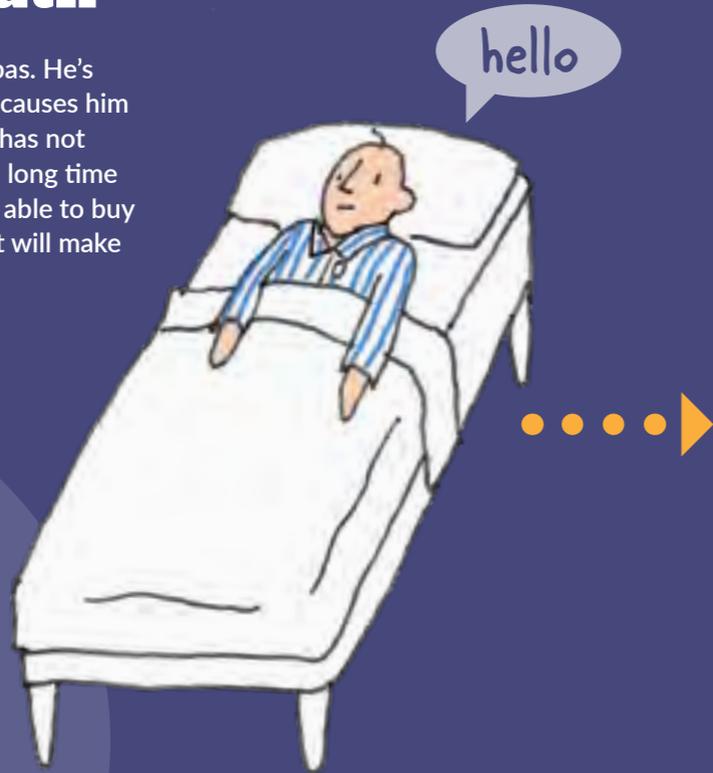
St Barnabas House

{Hospice Care}

Bed to Bath Appeal

George's bath

George is staying at St Barnabas. He's very poorly and his condition causes him pain when he moves. George has not been able to have a bath for a long time – but, with your help, we'll be able to buy new specialist equipment that will make it possible.



George gets out of bed

The nurses help George to slide over, carefully and gently, to the edge of his bed. The new sheets we want to buy are brilliant for this.



Comfortable and secure

Now, George is wrapped in a comfortable new sling. It's the perfect size for him and supports his whole body so there are no painful areas.

Up we go

George's sling is attached to a mobile hoist. It's the new, sturdy one and it just glides along, so his journey to the bathroom is easy and pleasant.

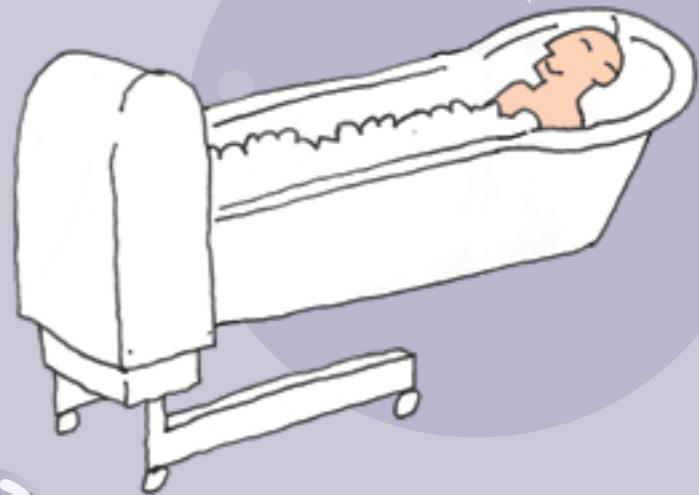


Are you sitting comfortably?

Lastly, we settle George into a new bath chair, which is adjusted to his most comfortable position. The sling is removed and George is gently lowered into the water.

After missing out for so long; the perfect bath

George lies back in his bath. The lights are dimmed, we put on his favourite music (George likes smooth jazz). We put the bubbles on and these have a lifting effect, taking most of his weight off him. The temperature is perfect and constant – and he can stay in for as long as he likes.



Please turn over to see full details of the new equipment that we'll need to make a perfect bath time a reality for patients like George.

Bed to Bath Appeal

Each year, hundreds of poorly people will come to us for care – and many won't have been able to experience the simple pleasure of a bath for many months, sometimes years. With your help, we can give them that lovely feeling again.

The items that we need are highly specialised and of exceptional quality. This means that they are not cheap. As a charity, we always balance the amount of money we spend against the benefit this money will deliver to local people. Not a penny is spent frivolously – which is vital when that money comes from public donations.

The four types of equipment you see here will allow many more people who come to the hospice to have a better quality of life, even when that life might only be measured in days. I'm convinced that the experiences we'll be able to offer are worth the price. I hope you'll agree and support this important appeal. Thank you.

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WendyLett Sheets

Number needed: 15 sets (enough for 3 years)

Cost: £111 per set

The first challenge is to get our patients out of bed with minimal discomfort. These new sheets will really help. They're soft, very comfortable, satin bed sheets. The central area is soft and has tiny horizontal ridges, which allow patients to slide sideways easily – but not slip up and down in bed. This makes it easy to move the patient to the side of the bed, so that getting out is as fuss-free as possible. But, the sheets also have a grippy edge, which stops the patient sliding too far – and is also easy for our nurses to hold.



Bath Slings

Number needed: 3 each of large, medium and small

Cost: £238 each

Now at the edge of the bed we can put our patient in a comfortable sling. Having three different sizes means we'll have a sling that's just the right size for every individual. And, they'll be the special pressure-relieving versions that will mean patients with restricted movement won't suffer from pressure sores while being lifted.



Specialist Mobile Hoist

Number needed: 1 only

Cost: £2,700

Next, the sling is attached to a mobile hoist. Our current hoist is quite old and creaky now (and it looks fairly industrial, to be honest). Many patients feel unsure about being moved around in a hoist – it can be an undignified process. We've tested the new version and it's much more discreet and modern – and it moves around extremely smoothly. All our patients love it – we'd really like to buy one! So, once our patient is securely in place, we can take them the short distance to one of our hospice bathrooms.



Arjo Bath Chairs

Number needed: 5, one for each of our baths

Cost: £5,572 each

The last step is to settle the patient into one of the new bath chairs. These are made by Arjo, the same people who make our brilliant baths. They are comfortable, adjustable and fit the baths exactly. So, we can move the patient from the hoist onto the bath chair, remove the sling, and then gently lower the patient into the water.



Each of these items plays a part in making the simple act of having a relaxing bath a possibility for more patients. Whichever item you choose for your contribution, your gift will help to bring a wonderful, soothing and relaxing experience to someone who will really appreciate it. Thank you.