

Reviewing the Outcome of an EPIOC Service

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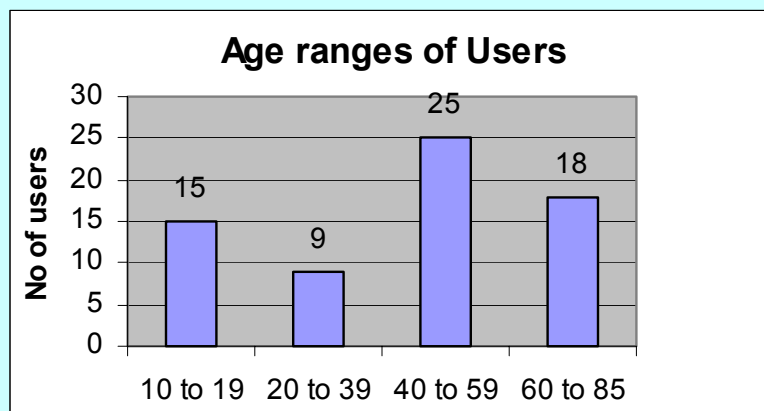
Overview

- The primary use of the wheelchairs
- Independence realised
- Life changes
- Action points

Process

- Independent therapist
- 2 days a week for 4 months
- 67 Semi structured interviews based on a questionnaire were carried out in the users own home. (1.5% total users)
- Data recorded and transcribed onto a database at DTRC analysed manually

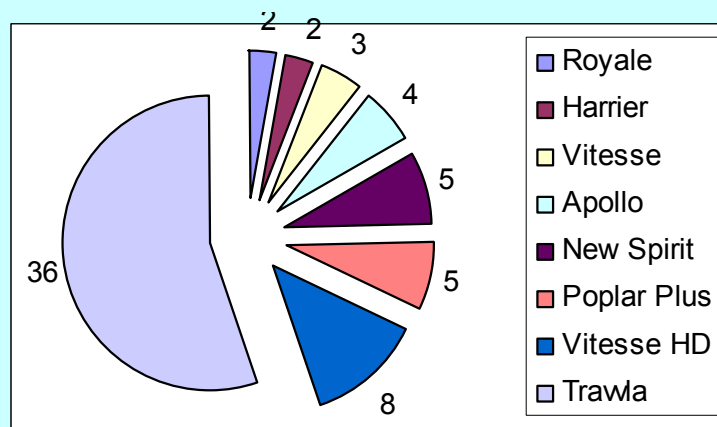
Age Ranges



Conditions

Multiple sclerosis	12	43-84	18%
CVA	12	45-76	18%
Cerebral Palsy	9	11-22	13%
Muscular Dystrophy	6	12-62	9%

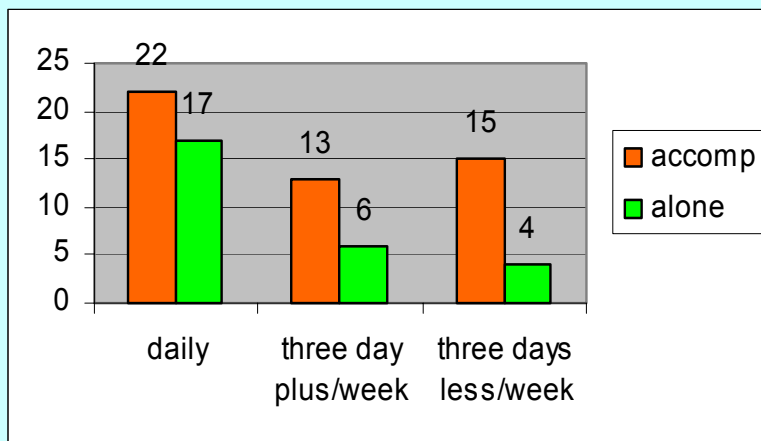
Types of EPIOC



Primary Use of EPIOC: Indoor v Outdoor Use

- 24 users (8 children, 16 adults) did not use the EPIOC indoors.
- Children.
 - 5 walk or SP at home.
 - 3 waiting home adaptation.
- Adults.
 - 10 walk, crawl or SP.
 - 5 choose to be pushed.
 - 1 private EPIC.

Primary use of EPIOC: Frequency of outdoor use (adults)



Primary use of EPIOC: Kerb Climbers

- Removal for indoor use and subsequent replacement
- Confidence in use
- Interpretation of instruction in methods of mounting and dismounting kerbs

Primary use of EPIOC: Incidents

Tipped out	10	15%
Collisions with people	5	7.5%
Breakdown away from home	3	4.5%
Personal damage	2	3%
Theft	1	1.5%
Minor incidents	6	8.9%

Primary use of EPIOC: Transportation

Occupied	45	67%
Unoccupied	27	40%
Taxis	24	36%
Mersey link/services	23	34%
Public transport	19	28%
Private vehicle	9	13%
Manually loading into a vehicle	20	30%

Independence realised

- Choice: being able to go out
 - *'I can get out myself when I want to go'*
- Control: taking charge of a situation
 - *'I can say I am going out now'*
- Role: maintaining or regaining family status
 - *'I can get to school for parents evening etc'*
- Socialising
 - *'I can go out and meet people, do courses and voluntary work'*

Significant life changes

- Independence
 - Being in control of your own mobility
- Engagement
 - The ability to participate in everyday activity
- Empowerment
 - Putting people back in charge of their own life, giving them choice how they spend their day.

Significant life changes

- ‘it’s a godsend’
- ‘It’s a new lease of life’
- ‘It is life changing’
- ‘it’s freedom’
- ‘it has given me dignity and choice’
- ‘I’m back on the road with a vengeance!’

Significant life changes

- Physical health
 - Reduction of pain
 - Reduced fatigue
 - Improvement in general fitness
- Mental Health
 - Improvement in general 'well being'
 - Increased motivation
 - Increased confidence
 - Mood changes
 - Change in attitude and improved relationships

Family life changes

- Reductions in care load
- Freedom from worry and guilt
- Freedom to pursue own activities
- Reduced physical effort
- Increased feeling of well being

Action points

- Attention to criteria
- Choice of kerb climbers
- Consistency of approach
- Review of initial assessment form
- Information Overload
 - Charging
 - Kerb climbing
 - Insurance
 - Accident procedure
 - Repair procedure
 - Transportation advice

Thank you

Any questions?