

## AT Provides Independence for residents at 'The Springs'



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*The Assistive Technology installed is suitable for the wide ranging needs of the people that Craegmoor support.*

## Case Study

Craegmoor is the country's leading independent provider of support for people with learning disabilities, autism, complex needs, mental health problems as well as older people.

For a recent refurbishment project to provide six supported living flats (with on site staff accommodation ) Craegmoor chose Possum Ltd to specify and install the assistive technology required to ensure that the new accommodation would be suitable for the people that they support with a wide range of needs.

The term 'assistive technology' refers to 'any device or system that allows an individual to perform a task that they would otherwise be unable to do, or increases the ease and safety with which the task can be performed' (Royal Commission on Long Term Care 1999). Craegmoor were aware that the people that they support may have disabilities that would have an impact on their ability to live independently. They consulted with Possum to determine how two out of the six flats could be equipped with practical technology



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solutions that would enhance the comfort, independence and security of future service users with disabilities.

By engaging with Possum at the early stages of the refurbishment scheme, it was possible to develop an appropriate specification for the technology which included the installation of power assisted doors and entry systems, remotely controlled curtains, blinds, windows and power sockets. All of this equipment can be controlled by a control unit that is specially designed to meet the abilities of the user. For example, a resident who may only be able to operate a single switch.

*About Craegmoor:*

*Bringing out the Best in Everyone*

*We believe passionately that every person, regardless of the challenges they face, can accomplish extraordinary achievements with the right support. So we work imaginatively to help people overcome barriers and empower them to exceed their own and others' expectations.*

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