

The Possum SMART room

Independence, choice, comfort, security...



...meet your clients' needs
with a Possum SMART room

Solutions for residential care homes

Give your clients the highest standard of care

“I know nothing can replace muscle loss, hearing or being able to see. But by pressing a button or pad, or blowing down a tube, I can do the things I used to take for granted. The fact that I can control my life easier through environmental control, has brought back a little dignity and hope for future years.”

Paul Venn – EC user



If you are the manager or owner of a care home or supported living scheme, you'll understand the importance of meeting your clients' needs and expectations. You can offer more choice if you offer a Possum SMART room.

Why choose a Possum SMART room?

A Possum SMART room allows a disabled or elderly user to control their immediate environment. Being able to do small but important things for themselves makes all the difference to their quality of life. It allows greater privacy, comfort, security and a wonderful feeling of independence.

Possum can equip a room in your establishment with an Environmental Control System (sensors and devices linked via infra-red to an easy-to-use controller), which will allow clients to continue to do everyday things for themselves. This could be switching on a light, opening the curtains, making a telephone call or changing the TV channels.

Environmental Control System

The controller (or ECU) can be operated either by touching the screen or by a range of single button switches (including sip/puff, chin, head, foot, hand) allowing the client to be in control of their immediate environment. We also supply a range of discrete sensors that will alert carers.

The Possum SMART room

A typical SMART room, with an Environmental Controller, would allow a resident to:

Control their own lighting – with adapted fittings and a controllable socket which turns the power on or off

Make a telephone call independently – with the Possum Sero! Telephone

Open the curtains or blinds – with an automated curtain or blind operator

Easily change the TV channels – with the Environmental Controller

Turn lamps and fans on and off – with a controllable socket which turns the power on or off

Operate automated beds and chairs – with the Environmental Controller and associated interface equipment

Use the existing nurse call system (for clients who are unable to hold a conventional nurse call button) – with the NurseCall Link and a specialist switch

Page a nurse – with the Environmental Controller and Info Pager



Operate an Apple iPod or MP3 player – with the Environmental Controller

Operate a DVD player – with the Environmental Controller

Operate a radio – with the Environmental Controller

The Possum range of Environmental Control Units (or ECUs) are supplied and programmed to suit individual requirements. We are happy to advise on suitable options

Residents can be monitored by a range of wireless sensors, such as enuresis, bed/chair occupancy, epilepsy, smoke, door and window movement and emergency alarms. When activated, an alert is sent to a small portable InfoPager carried by a nurse or carer

The Possum range of Electronic Assistive Technology (EAT) products can be accessed via a number of methods including single button switches (including sip/puff, hand, chin, head and foot activation) multi-switches, joysticks or directly via the buttons/screen of the Environmental Control Unit.

Add value to your business with a Possum SMART room

“Over 65s will make up almost a quarter (23%) of the UK population by 2034, according to the Office for National Statistics, and by 2025, almost 1.5 million people in the UK will be living with an age-related disability.”

*The Technology Strategy Board
2011*



Equipping a room in your establishment as a Possum SMART room is an investment which may lead to premium weekly rates.

Adding value to your business

- You can bring in new clients who need a higher level of care.
- A higher level of care means you can charge a higher weekly rate for the room – whether the client is paying privately or through local authority funding.
- More efficient use of staff time.

Everybody benefits

Clients with physical limitations and clients with learning difficulties enjoy increased independence as they carry out everyday tasks and feel in control of their immediate environment. They can communicate easily with carers, friends and relatives. They know they can call instantly for assistance and, as there is less need for constant ‘checking’, they enjoy greater privacy.

Relatives have peace of mind about the quality of life of their loved one and can enjoy uninterrupted quality time with them.

Staff and carers’ time can be used more efficiently, as the client can carry out an increased number of tasks independently.

Call Possum Today

For a free no-obligation demonstration of SMART room equipment and a bespoke outline of the best solution for your requirement. Contact us on 01296 461000

About Possum

“Every day Possum supports thousands of users throughout the UK, giving freedom, independence and empowerment to people of all ages and with a wide range of needs.”

*Philip Robinson
Possum Managing Director*



At Possum we are passionate about offering practical solutions which enhance the independence and the quality of life of people living with a disability.

Holders of a Queen's Award for Innovation, we are a British company with 50 years' experience that has made us market leaders in the development, manufacture and installation of Electronic Assistive Technology (EAT) products.

We'll give you all the support you need

Possum supplies and installs equipment and provides support via our extensive network of service and installation engineers, technical services and customer support teams. The cost of maintenance and support packages ranges depending on your requirements.

And if you are extending, refurbishing or undertaking a new build, Possum can work with architects to ensure that the SMART room is fully integrated, with sockets and wiring fitted appropriately.

Fundraising is straightforward

It is possible to fundraise to equip a Possum SMART room, through private individuals or corporate givers 'sponsoring' pieces of equipment. Fundraising events are often successful because the public like to give to something they can see and appreciate.

Contact us at

8 Farmbrough Close
Stocklake Park Industrial Estate
Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 1DQ, UK

T 01296 461000
F 01296 461001
E info@possum.co.uk
W www.possum.co.uk

