

DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVE TO SINGLE-USE TRANSFER SHEETS

The **EcoMove™** - Creating a better solution together

BACKGROUND

When the team at Bon Secours Hospital, Galway approached Hospital Direct, they were looking for a practical solution to an ongoing challenge. Their existing lateral transfer sheets were experiencing excessive wear and tear, and required a new solution.

Rather than simply supplying another disposable product, we worked closely with the clinical team to understand their specific needs. At the time, we were already developing a new reusable transfer sheet.

Through valuable feedback and support with clinical trials from Bon Secours, we developed a more robust and innovative patient-handling solution that combines sustainability with the highest standards of patient safety, staff safety and clinical performance — the EcoMove™.

Associate

Sean Duignan

Surgical Assistant -
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THE CHALLENGE

Bon Secours Hospital required a reusable alternative that could withstand regular use without compromising the quality of patient transfers or increasing manual handling risks.



The team needed a product that would:

- Reduce reliance on disposable transfer sheets
- Improve durability and longevity
- Provide smooth, safe lateral patient transfers
- Support safer handling for healthcare professionals

THE SOLUTION

Hospital Direct developed the EcoMove™ Reusable Transfer Sheet to deliver a sustainable, high-performance alternative to single-use products.

Manufactured in the UK from durable, high-quality materials, EcoMove™ is designed to provide consistently smooth patient transfers while helping healthcare providers significantly reduce clinical waste.



Ergonomically positioned grip handles offer greater control during transfers, improving comfort and safety for both patients and clinicians.

Following implementation, the team at Bon Secours Hospital reported immediate improvements in both patient transfers and staff experience. The smooth transfer surface enables patients to be moved consistently and comfortably, while the integrated grip handles provide healthcare professionals with greater control and a more ergonomic working position.

THE RESULTS

The team also confirmed that EcoMove™ has contributed to safer patient handling practices by providing reliable, consistent transfers that benefit both patients and staff.

The department also praised the durability of the product, helping address the wear-and-tear issues they had experienced with disposable alternatives.



The primary material allows for a smooth and consistent transfer of our patients. The grip handles also make it more ergonomic (and safer) for our staff.

— Sean Duignan,
Medical Team Leader



IMPLEMENTATION

Introducing EcoMove™ into the department was straightforward. The team described the setup process as seamless and praised the support they received throughout the project.



Without issue. Excellent communication and support from the company representative.



OVERALL EXPERIENCE

When asked to rate the product, Bon Secours Hospital described EcoMove™ as offering very good value for money, with no drawbacks or suggested improvements.

Summing up their experience of working with Hospital Direct, they said: **“Excellent; could not fault it.”**

