

Tesco reach '100 Changing Place Toilets' milestone



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Changing Places  
Registered!



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## Case Study: 100 Tesco Changing Places Registered

**Astor Bannerman as part of Aveso has installed 100 Tesco Changing Places Toilets** to help those with severe disabilities use toilets safely and comfortably.

The supermarket's 100th Changing Places toilet was officially opened today, 3rd December, in its Watford Extra store. Changing Places toilets are larger than standard facilities and include specialist equipment such as an over-head hoist, height adjustable adult-sized changing table, height adjustable wash basin, centrally placed toilet and privacy screen.

Today's installation marks a three year long partnership between MDUK, Aveso, Tesco and the Changing Places Consortium, which seeks to highlight and help the more than 250,000 disabled people across the UK who are unable to use standard toilet facilities.

## What equipment is included?

The Tesco Changing Places toilets include:

- Astor Mona Height Adjustable Mobile Changing Table
- Astor A2B Over Head Hoist
- Astor ABW CP Height Adjustable Wash Basin
- Centrally Placed Toilet
- Mobile Privacy Screen

"Astor Bannerman are proud to have manufactured and installed equipment for this project. 100 extra Changing Places toilets situated in Tesco stores provide more than 250,000 people across the UK greater access to a toilet and more freedom to leave their home. I'd like to congratulate Tesco on the leading position they have taken."

**Mark Colebrook, MD of Astor Bannerman**

## Why did Tesco install Changing Places?

Changing Places campaigner Kerry Thompson initially contacted Tesco to discuss her needs with them: "The biggest challenge I face when going anywhere is when it comes to using a standard accessible toilet. The Changing Places facilities are more spacious and up-to-date with plenty of room to fit my wheelchair, my hubby and me. Knowing these facilities are available gives me the freedom to live my life without the worry and stress about finding an accessible toilet .....

It has been an honour working alongside Tesco on our journey towards building the future of accessible toilets for all. Now as we celebrate the opening of the 100th Changing places facilities within Tesco stores nationwide it means trips out are made just that bit easier for the 250,000 disabled people and their families, including myself."

## Nick Kent, Co-Founder of Aveso – Official Sponsor to the Changing Places Campaign, said:

"Kerry Thompson, with her real-life explanations and measured sensitive persuasion, has been instrumental in bringing this project to life. There are not enough Changing Places toilets currently in retail, but well done Tesco and Kerry, for taking us towards a more inclusive future."

## Robert Burley, Director of Campaigns, Care and Support at MDUK, which co-chairs the Changing Places Consortium, said:

"Having the support of such a high-profile retailer is a much-needed step forward in our campaign and this 100<sup>th</sup> install is an excellent milestone."

## A word from Tesco ..

Alessandra Bellini, Tesco Chief Customer Officer, said: "We want Tesco to be a place where everyone feels welcome to work and shop, and we are delighted to launch our 100th Changing Places facility in our Watford Extra. Over a quarter of a million people in the UK use the support of a carer or family member to use bathroom facilities while shopping, and we're pleased to be able to offer a little help to people like Kerry - and our many other customers and carers - who will benefit from Changing Places when they shop with us."

For a full list of the registered Tesco Changing Places Toilets, [click here](#)



## What are Changing Places?

Changing Places provide additional support to people who aren't able to use standard accessible toilets. Many thousands of people have profound disabilities and require a space where they can change and go to the toilet with dignity. It is also important that carers have the right equipment to assist the user and make sure that they are both safe and comfortable.

It seems simple enough that everybody should have accessible toilets, but for many of us it is something we take for granted.

Astor Bannerman have supplied and installed equipment to numerous Changing Places facilities across the UK, including: Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Sheffield Hospital, Tesco Supermarkets and a number of Premier Football clubs including Arsenal FC.

Driven by passionate campaigners, the Changing Places campaign is growing and strengthening with many tourist attractions recognising the need for more accessible toilets. Legislation is now in place in Scotland and further legislation is coming into force in January 2021 in England, making Changing Places a mandatory requirement in many new builds and large refurbishments. See <https://aveso.co.uk> for full details

## Who are Aveso?

**Aveso** are the official sponsor of the Changing Places consortium and are powered by **Astor Bannerman**, an industry leader with over 30 years of experience in specialist changing equipment. The aim of Aveso is to make the provision of a **Changing Places** toilet facility seamless and easy, and in conjunction with Astor Bannerman, offer support from project conception through to installation and on-going service maintenance.

Aveso works with Government organisations, charities, campaign groups for Changing Places as well as **Architects**, **Contractors** and the Changing Places venue themselves.

Astor Bannerman, the official manufacturer of the Changing Places equipment, together with we Aveso, can offer direct-to-manufacture pricing and specification to those specifying, installing or funding a Changing Places worldwide.

