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Buckingham Lodge in Aylesbury is one of the latest care homes in the UK where residents and staff are benefitting from the Compact bath from Active Bathing.

Part of the Anchor Group, a not for profit charitable organisation, Buckingham Lodge was opened in April 2015 and, as part of the construction, a total of six baths were installed over three floors.

Included in the Compact bath range is the Compact DC which is available in two bath lengths of 1600mm and 1700mm and is the only specific dementia bathing solution available in the UK, featuring a Showersafe gantry system, digital temperature readout and auto fill system.

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Manager Wendy Luck explained: "Buckingham Lodge is primarily for people living with dementia and we were looking for equipment that has been designed for this condition, which would allow them to bathe as independently and safely as possible. The Compact bath from Active Bathing met all our requirements.

"Our aim is to keep our residents living as independently as possible for as long as possible and the Compact bath helps ensure this. The bath provides a very relaxing experience for our residents; in the past I have worked in care homes which have spa baths and these often left the residents feeling unnerved and even scared by the noise and sensation of the jets in the water."

The Compact DC can also be used with any floor or ceiling hoist system and is, according to the company, one of the safest bathing solutions for dementia settings.

Sales Director Anthony Kilgarriff said: "Unlike some manufacturers, we will take a bath to the client for a free product demonstration so the staff can see the benefits first hand. As well as providing free CAD drawings, we can offer free advice on the design and layout of the bathroom in which the equipment will be installed."

Active Bathing – part of the Astor-Bannerman group of companies – is fast becoming one of the key providers of assisted bathing, showering and patient transfer systems in the long term care sector today.

For more information on the full range of bathing solutions visit the website <u>HERE</u> and learn more about the Anchor Group <u>HERE</u>

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