

# Specialist equipment

**Into Sport**  
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Amanda primarily uses a mobility scooter to get around and is very independent. She likes to go to a local outdoor pool if the weather is nice but has been there on several occasions to find that the hoist isn't working. Although possible to get into the pool without a hoist, Amanda finds it a difficult, slow and humiliating process.

Sam, the Into Sport worker at Richmond AID, arranged to go swimming with Amanda on a bright day and they met at the pool. Sam had rung ahead to check that the hoist was working and was told it was. However, when they were ready to get into the water and asked for the hoist, the manager found that the battery was missing. Amanda decided that she would still like to go swimming and thoroughly enjoyed herself in spite of the difficulty getting in and out of the pool.

The manager was apologetic and said he would arrange a new hoist battery as a matter of urgency. Sam rang the pool regularly to check on progress and after a week the new battery had arrived.

This case study highlights how Into Sport can mediate and facilitate good practice with local sport and physical activity (SPA) providers, and the importance of effective communication between the two parties. It also shows that it may be necessary to check out facilities and equipment in person prior to taking a service user.

# The Into Sport Project

Into Sport is a unique three-year project managed by Inclusion London and funded by Sport England, designed to encourage Deaf and Disabled people over the age of 14 at all levels of ability to take part in sport or physical activity.

The project is working with Deaf and Disabled people's user-led organisations in five London boroughs (Barnet, Greenwich, Lambeth, Richmond and Southwark) to offer advice and support to Deaf and Disabled people interested in getting active.

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