

Benmor Features on 'Britain's Fattest Man'



Paul Mason bears all on the Channel 4 documentary 'Britain's Fattest Man'

If you have any dealings with bariatric patients in your line of work, you will have no doubt heard of the ongoing story of Paul Mason of Ipswich, who is Britain's heaviest bariatric patient. On 5th January 2011, Channel 4 aired a documentary titled 'Britain's Fattest Man' which follows the last 12 months in Paul Mason's life, from his first accurate weigh for years to his life saving gastric bypass and his attempts to mobilise himself.

Benmor Medical is proud to say we have been involved in the treatment and care of Paul Mason since November 2009, providing regular, accurate weighs in order for

staff, carers and the TV crew to monitor Paul's weight as he undergoes various procedures and operations.

Our dealings with Paul started when Suffolk health services contacted us requesting a patient weigh for a man they had estimated to be between 60 and 70 stone in weight. If these estimates were correct this would no doubt be the heaviest patient we had ever dealt with. Luckily our heavy duty bed scale system is strong enough to accurately weigh up to 800kg [126st] so we were well equipped to weigh patient and bed together.

A team of Benmor technicians travelled to Paul's home in Ipswich along with the Managing Director at the time, Mike Moorey. The weigh was carried out without a hitch and we were able to be the

first to inform Paul of his weight [56st 11lbs]. This result shocked and pleased most people as he was believed to be much heavier, however, this weight still earned him the title of 'Britain's Fattest Man'.

Now knowing the accurate weight, the care services and NHS trusts involved could start organising the transportation and surgery. Paul was taken to St. Richards Hospital in Chichester in a specially designed ambulance for bariatric patients where the country's leading bariatric surgeons would perform a gastric bypass operation as well as removing a large growth on his leg.

Both operations went smoothly and Benmor was happy to supply the Aurum Expandable Bed for Paul's stay in St. Richards along with a heavy duty gantry



Benmor technicians carrying out a bed weigh of Paul Mason



Mike Moorey of Benmor Medical informing Paul of his weight before his life-saving surgery – 56st – less than previously thought

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Paul Mason, who briefly held the title of 'Britain's Fattest Man', sits up on the Benmor Aurum Expandable Bed.

be back on his feet eventually.

'Britain's Fattest Man' is an emotional look at the last 12 months of Paul's life and Benmor Medical is proud to have been involved in it. The documentary is available to watch on the Channel 4 website [[click here](#)] until 4th February 2011 and if you have any kind of interest

in bariatric patients, we would highly recommend it.

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Paul lost a huge amount of weight due to the surgery and an extreme crash diet and after a short time, the nursing staff felt it was time for him to attempt to stand. After being bed bound for a long period of time, Paul managed to pull himself up off the Aurum bed and support his own weight for a few seconds. This was a remarkable achievement for Paul and proved all the hard work by nursing staff, surgeons and carers had paid off.

Paul is now down to under 40 stone and is able to mobilize himself in a specially designed powered wheelchair and we hope over time, with continued effort from Paul and everyone around him, he will



Paul stands up from the Aurum bed on to his own two feet for the first time in years