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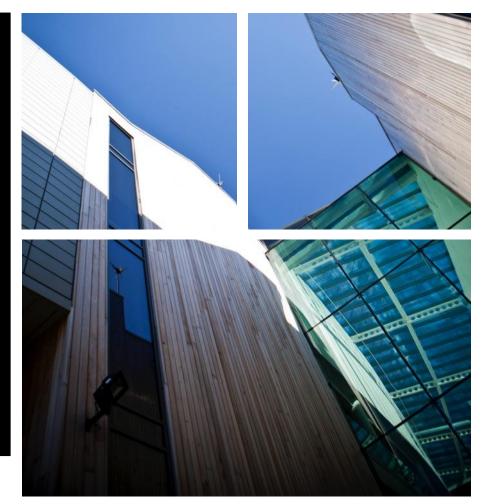
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Background











- Local charity real world problem
- Cancer in childhood is rare
- Intensive chemotherapy central venous catheters (lines)
- Tunneled under skin, external opening on chest

Problem

- Risk of displacement
- Accidental complete removal
- Children may wish to conceal them
- Discomfort during sleep
- lines may dangle

Challenge

Harness to improve well-being of children with cancer

Research Plan









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- Interdisciplinary team Dr J Power, Prof D Leaper, J Harris
- Local cancer charity Little Heroes
- Student researcher (teaching/research nexus)

Philosophical Approach - constructive interpretivism

- Balance academic enquiry and practical application
- Resolve epistemological and methodological differences
- Timeframe interpretivist approach was adopted

Data collection techniques

- Market research / product research / standards
- Focus group / interviewed medical personnel
- Product analysis
- Synthesized the findings using a QFD

QFD











A method of translating customer needs (16) into appropriate technical requirements (29)

Parents / carers

- Location of harness (comfort)
- Design function (functional)
- Health and Safety (various)
- Style line (aesthetics)

Comfort wear trial – current products











Priority; Comfort (fit), function, H&S, styleline

Output









Harness to improve wellbeing of children with cancer

- **Ergonomically designed**
- Comfort / functionality/ dignity
- Stylish











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