CLAIMS

1. An ostomy pouch, comprising:

inner and outer walls of flexible sheet material sealed about a periphery thereof to define:

a cavity for containing a stomal output; and

a deployable drain for draining stomal output from the cavity;

a substantially opaque comfort layer provided, at least in part over an outer surface of the inner and/or outer walls of the flexible sheet material; and

a fastener arrangement configured to retain the deployable drain in the stowed position, the fastener arrangement comprising a first fastener located on an outer surface of the comfort layer and a second fastener provided on the inner wall or outer wall of the ostomy pouch;

wherein the deployable drain is moveable between a deployed position for draining the stomal output from the cavity and a stowed position for storage of the deployable drain, with at least part of the drain overlying a portion of the comfort layer in the stowed position; and

wherein at least a portion of the inner wall defining the deployable drain is substantially opaque and at least a portion of the outer wall defining the deployable drain is at least partly transparent.

2. An ostomy pouch of claim 1, wherein the drain comprises an elongate extension of the inner and outer walls, extending from a drain inlet at the cavity and a drain aperture at a distal end of the drain channel through which stomal output from within the cavity can be drained from the pouch.

3. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the deployable drain is moveable between stowed and deployed positions by rolling or folding the drain.

4. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 3, wherein the drain is moveable, in use, from the deployed position to the stowed position by folding and/or rolling the drain in a direction which is upwards and away from the ostomate.

5. An ostomy pouch as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the second fastener is located on a portion of the inner wall of the pouch at least partly defining the drain.

6. An ostomy pouch as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the first fastener comprises a flap, which is secured to the comfort layer.

7. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 6, wherein the flap is provided on a comfort layer overlying an outer wall of the pouch, away from the ostomate, in use.

8. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 6 or claim 7, wherein the flap is shaped so as to correspond to one or more contours of the ostomy pouch.

9. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 8, wherein the pouch comprises one or more curved edges, and the flap is similarly curved to correspond the contours of the curved edge(s) of the pouch.

10. An ostomy pouch as claimed in any of claims 6 to 9, wherein the flap extends across at least substantially the entire width of the pouch.

11. An ostomy pouch as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the drain comprises a pair of pursing strips, each strip being adhesively or otherwise fixed to the inner or outer wall of the pouch.

12. An ostomy pouch as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the drain is sub-divided into two or more segments defined by fold lines about which the drain may be folded when moving between deployed and stowed positions.

13. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 12, wherein the drain segments are sequentially folded to overlie one another in moving from the deployed position to the stowed position.

14. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 12 or claim 13, wherein the drain is sub-divided into three segments, with a first pursing strip positioned on the inner wall of the pouch and defining, at least in part a first segment of the drain, a second pursing strip positioned on the outer wall of the pouch and defining, at least in part a second segment of the drain, and with the second fastener provided on the inner wall of the pouch and defining, at least in part, a third segment of the drain.

15. An ostomy pouch as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein at least a portion of the deployable drain is visible in the stowed position.

16. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 15, when dependent on any of claims 6 to 10, wherein in the stowed position the deployable drain is partly covered by the flap, but also has one or more portions which remain uncovered and thereby visible, in use.

17. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 15 or claim 16, wherein the or each portion visible in the stowed position comprises a region or regions of the drain at or proximal to one or more edges.

18. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 17, wherein the or each portion visible in the stowed position comprises a portion of the opaque inner wall of the pouch defining the drain.

19. An ostomy pouch as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the inner wall of the pouch comprises an inlet for receiving the stomal output into the cavity.

20. An ostomy pouch as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the pouch comprises an inner comfort layer and an outer comfort layer, the inner comfort layer overlying at least a portion of the inner wall of the pouch and the outer comfort layer overlying at least a portion of the outer wall of the pouch.

21. An ostomy pouch as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the comfort layer(s) do not overlie the inner or outer walls of the pouch at the portions of the inner and/or outer walls which define the drain.

22. An ostomy pouch as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the cavity comprises an upper section, a lower section, and a waisted section located between the upper and lower sections, wherein the waisted section comprises a minimum width which is less than the maximum width of the upper and/or lower sections.

23. An ostomy pouch according to claim 10 or any claim dependent thereon wherein the flap extends up to the seal about the periphery of the pouch.

24. An ostomy pouch according to claim 10 or any of claims 11 to 22 when dependent on clam 10 wherein the flap extends across the entire width of the pouch, right to the edge of the pouch