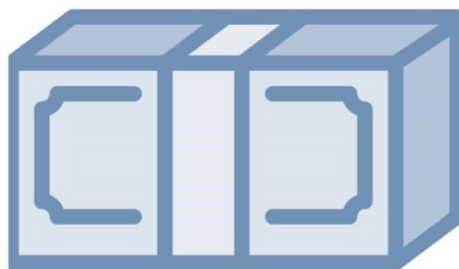


**Charitable organisations, benevolent funds and trusts who may be able to help children and young people with disabilities and long-term health conditions**







Helping little stars shine bright

The Boparan Charitable Trust aims to help children and young people up to the age of 18, throughout the UK, who are disadvantaged either through poverty, disability or life-limiting conditions. Maximum grant award of £1500 for Trikes and £1000 for Sensory Items.

#### Will consider funding

- Specialist trikes (up to £1,500)
- Specialist buggies
- Manual and powered wheelchairs
- Specialist car seats
- Specialist bath seats
- Hoists
- Sensory toys (up to £1,000)

#### Will not consider funding (unless in exceptional circumstances)

- Trampolines/trampettes
- Home adaptations/renovations
- Holidays and short breaks
- Travel and accommodation
- Lease or purchase of car
- Garden equipment

#### How to apply:

Application form to be completed and posted to the Boparan Charitable Trust, along with supporting letter endorsing the application ( and quotations

#### Timescales:

- For applications for items/therapies under £5000, there is a 2-4 weeks timescale until decisions are made
- For applications for items/therapies over £5000, there is a 4-8 week timescale until decisions are made



Caudwell Children provide family support services, equipment, treatment and therapies for disabled children and their families across the UK. Caudwell Children provide a maximum of 70% to 80% of the total cost of equipment.

#### Will consider funding

- Powered wheelchairs
- Specialised buggies & storm /rain covers
- Therapy tricycles
- Multi-sensory equipment
- Specialised car seats and car harnesses
- Sports equipment

#### Will not consider funding

- Refurbishment costs
- Household appliances

#### How to apply:

- Online application form
- Equipment applications must be supported by an Occupational Therapist or other healthcare professional

#### Timescales:

Around 8—10 weeks from grant application submission to decision.



Children Today help children and young people with disabilities up to the age of 25 years old across the UK by providing grants for specialised equipment.

#### Will consider funding

- Electric & sports wheelchairs
- Adapted buggies
- Adapted trikes
- Safe-space sleepers
- Sensory toys
- Wheelchair powerpacks
- Trampolines

#### Will not consider funding

- Holidays
- iPads
- Laptops
- Community equipment

#### How to apply:

Application form to be requested over the telephone—after you have received a quote from your preferred supplier. Children Today then send you an application form to complete. Post this back to Children Today, along with supporting letter from medical professional and quotations.

#### Timescales:

Current waiting list of approximately 4 months before applications go to grants panel



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The Elifar Foundation provide grants to help children and young people up to the age of 28 years old with severe learning difficulty and associated physical disability.

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Will consider funding	Will not consider funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Portable oxygen concentrators</li><li>• Lightweight manual wheelchairs</li><li>• Powered wheelchairs</li><li>• Specialised car seats</li><li>• Sit-to-stand chairs and specialised walkers</li><li>• Wheelchair-bikes</li><li>• Respite breaks where specialist staff will be available.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Items or work for which there is Statutory Funding</li><li>• Building or garden works</li><li>• Ordinary computers/ laptops/ iPads</li><li>• Ordinary domestic items (e.g. furniture, flooring, white goods, clothing)</li><li>• Ordinary or family holidays</li><li>• Therapies</li><li>• Mobility scooters</li></ul>

**How to apply:**

Application form to be completed and posted or emailed to the Elifar Foundation along with supporting letter from medical professional and quotations

**Timescales:**

Elifar do not have set dates for timescales on decisions about grant applications, but report that ordinarily decisions would be made no later than 3 months from receipt of application.



# Building stronger families

Family Action's Welfare Grants programme aims to help prevent an immediate crisis from spiralling and threatening the stability of families and individuals.

Family Action provide grants nationally, including a Disability/Sickness programme which provides grants to pay for disability aids that will benefit the applicant in their home, in addition to items required for a patient to be discharge from hospital.

## Will consider funding

- Disability aids for use in the home
- Items which cannot be provided by NHS or Social Services but are required for a patient to be discharged home from hospital.

## Will not consider funding

- Items for use outside of the home

## How to apply:

- Applications must be made online by referring agencies, not by individuals.
- Grants applications for items required to facilitate discharge home from hospital can only be submitted by NHS Trusts or Social Services.

## Timescales:

- Meetings are every week, so depending upon the date the application is submitted, you should hear the outcome within 1-2 weeks.
- Referring agencies are informed out of the outcome of grant applications within 3 working days of the meeting where the application is considered.



# Family Fund

## Helping disabled children

The Family Fund help families across the UK who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under. Professionals can submit urgent referrals for children in hospital and/or who are terminally ill.

### Will consider funding

- Clothing
- Short breaks
- Computers and tablets
- Days out
- Recreational items, sensory items and equipment
- Kitchen appliances, and essential household furniture
- Garden improvements, outdoor play and leisure equipment
- Pets
- Specialist trikes and bikes

### Will not consider funding

- A car, other vehicle or driving lessons for parents/carers
- Requests where a statutory agency (such as local authorities or health services) has assessed a need and have a responsibility to provide the item.

### How to apply:

First time applicants apply by post, if you've applied before you may be able to apply online.

Urgent referrals by professionals have to be emailed to the Family Fund

### Timescales:

- Approximately 3-4 months for first time applicants from home. 8-10 weeks for repeat applicants.
- Family Fund aim to respond to urgent referrals by professionals within 2 working days.



# Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust



The Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust provides life enhancing grants to help people of all ages in need who are ill, convalescent or disabled. These grants are used to provide medical and household aids to alleviate sickness and make a huge difference to people's ability to manage at home and live independently.

## Will consider funding

- Medical aids such as nebulisers
- Specialist buggies and pushchairs
- Car seats and harnesses
- Mobile hoists
- Sensory equipment
- Communication aids and specialist software
- Refrigerators for essential drug storage
- Secure drug cabinets

## Will not consider funding

- Home and garden adaptations
- Car purchase, repairs or adaptations
- Holidays or carer breaks
- General clothing
- General house furnishings
- Stairlifts

## How to apply:

Complete application form and post to the charity, with a letter of support from a healthcare professional or charity worker. Assessments by Occupational Therapists or Physiotherapists are required for mobility equipment, noting the exact make and model required—these will need to be sent with the application. A quotation must also be enclosed.

## Timescales:

- Smaller grants, such as those for respite/convalescence and white goods are reviewed daily.
- Larger item requests and requests for medical equipment are reviewed at bi-monthly meetings.



# The Hospital Saturday Fund

The Hospital Saturday Fund aims are to provide assistance through its charitable funds for: Individuals with a medical condition or disability who would benefit from assistance with the purchase of specialised equipment or from practical forms of treatment. The maximum grant is £2,000 or €3,000.

## Will consider funding

- Wheelchairs and mobility scooters
- Car adaptations.
- Hearing Aids, Nebulisers and specialised Vision Aids.
- Therapies and treatments
- Orthopaedic beds, Mattresses or pillows
- Riser /recliners chairs,
- Lift hoist/aids, stair lifts.
- Walk in showers, Accessibility, adaptations to bathrooms, access ramps, and non-slip flooring,

## Will not consider funding

- Treatment outside the UK and Ireland.
- Financial assistance.
- Transport costs to hospitals/clinics.
- Experimental drugs/medication (those not recommended by N.I.C.E).
- Purchase of a car.
- Building works to either inside or outside of the home, painting, decorating, any gardening works.
- New furniture or replacing existing furnishings.

## How to apply:

A registered healthcare professional or charity worker will need to process the application and administer cheques. A letter headed supporting statement, medical report/letter and a quote from the supplier or service must be sent with the application.

## Timescales:

The Hospital Saturday Fund aim to make decisions within 6-8 weeks of application.



# Independence<sup>®</sup> at Home

Towards Independent Living

Independence at Home provides grants to people of all ages who have a physical or learning disability or long-term illness and who are in financial need.

## Will consider funding

- Mobility and travel equipment
- Special disability equipment
- Home adaptations
- Communications equipment
- Kitchen equipment
- Beds and bedding
- General furnishing
- Removal costs

## Will not consider funding

- Medical treatment or therapies
- Televisions or licences
- House clearance (relating to hoarding)
- Holidays (unless for people with neurological conditions)

### How to apply:

- A professional intermediary needs to apply on behalf of the applicant using the online application form. Supporting evidence (e.g., medical supporting letter or report and quotation) should be submitted alongside the application.

### Timescales:

- Decisions usually made within one working week.



# The League of the Helping Hand

Life + Help = Hope

The League of the Helping Hand helps those who are living on a very low income, receiving the appropriate welfare benefits and who have exhausted all other funding sources. They provide help to people with physical and diagnosed mental health conditions, learning disabilities and people caring for an adult or child with a disability.

## Will consider funding

- Regular and ongoing financial assistance
- White goods
- Furniture
- Flooring
- Carers breaks

## Will not consider funding

- Electric wheelchairs and scooters
- Chairlifts and hoists
- Car purchase or vehicle adaptations
- Building, renovation or extension works
- Overseas travel or holidays, unless for a carers break or recuperative following an illness or stay in hospital

## How to apply:

- A professional intermediary needs to apply on behalf of the applicant using the application form, which is posted or emailed to the League of the Helping Hand

## Timescales:

The League of the Helping Hand advise a 4-6 wait between receipt of grant application until an outcome is received



# Lifeline 4 Kids

Lifeline4Kids provides essential equipment to help improve the quality of life for children with disabilities and special needs.

## Will consider funding

- Electric wheelchairs
- Mobility aids
- Specialised computers
- Sensory toys.
- iPads (under specific circumstances)
- Fridges (if there is a medical need)
- Washing machines (if for a medical need such as incontinence)
- Specialist shoes

## Will not consider funding

- Flooring
- Building, home improvement and garden works
- Furniture (unless specialised)
- Ovens/cookers
- Vehicles and transport costs
- Holidays or recreational activities
- Clothing

## How to apply:

- Submit information via email to Lifeline4Kids about the child, their diagnosis and your request to register interest in a grant. Life4Kids will then send the application form to you, the application requires back-up information from health professionals.

## Timescales:

- Meetings to review applications are held on a monthly basis.
- Emergency and welfare appeals are dealt with immediately and decisions can be made within days if vital.

Newlife provides funding for essential community equipment, aiming to improve child health, reduce risk of significant injury and pain, as well as support delivery of care – while enabling childhood experiences and encouraging independence. Newlife also provide free loans of equipment, sensory toy packs and comfort capsules.

#### Will consider funding

- Buggies and wheelchairs
- Beds
- Communication aids
- Seating

#### Will not consider funding

- Adaptations to cars
- Adaptations to properties
- Therapy or treatment costs
- White goods
- Holidays

#### How to apply:

- Application forms are available on Newlife website. Families can apply but support from a professional is required.

#### Timescales:

- All grant applications are assessed on an individual basis; if there is an urgent need these can be processed very quickly, however some items can take up to 6-9 months to fund.
- Emergency equipment loan requests are reviewed on the same day; if NewLife are able to help, they aim to deliver equipment within 72 hours.
- Sensory Toy Pod loans and Comfort capsule loans have varying timescales depending on the pod requested - some pods have a waiting list of a few months.

Promise Dreams is a national charity which aims to make a difference to children who are seriously or terminally ill by making their dreams come true.

#### Will consider funding

- Daytrips and exciting holidays
- Meeting heroes (characters from TV)
- Equipment
- Items that will benefit the child and/or their family

#### Will not consider funding

- Items that won't benefit the child and/or their family
- Promise Dreams may not consider funding alternative brands (e.g., more expensive versions) of items which the family already has and which meet their needs

#### How to apply:

- Application form available on website. Application requires two supporting letters (the first from the child's GP or consultant), the second from anyone else in a supporting capacity with a title of authority.
- In most cases 3 quotes are required, however for medical/mobility equipment where this may be more difficult to acquire, and a quote accompanied by a description of the item and details of the supplier (e.g., from a catalogue) can be accepted in lieu of 3 quotes.

#### Timescales:

- There is a fast-track scheme for children who are very ill or where there is an urgent timescale
- The general grants timescales can vary depending on the time of year and number of applications received.

Rapid Effective Assistance for Children with potentially Terminal Illness (REACT) works to improve the quality of life for children with life-limiting illnesses living in financially disadvantaged households throughout the UK.

Will consider funding	Will not consider funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobility equipment (buggies, wheelchairs, hoists, car seats, trikes)</li> <li>• Specialist furniture (postural chairs, adjustable beds), hypoallergenic mattresses</li> <li>• Medical equipment (monitors, nebulisers, specialist baths)</li> <li>• White goods, furniture, and flooring</li> <li>• Clothing and bedding</li> <li>• Travel and subsistence costs (while a child is in hospital)</li> <li>• Respite breaks in a REACT holiday home</li> <li>• Funeral expenses and memorial headstones</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overseas holidays</li> <li>• Structural building works</li> <li>• Private treatment</li> <li>• Purchase of motor vehicles</li> </ul>

#### How to apply:

- Application form available on website or to order over the telephone.
- Application completed by family but must be endorsed and signed by a medical or healthcare worker.

#### Timescales:

- React responds to all applications within 48 hours; React is sensitive to urgent requests and can respond within hours.





Building brighter futures  
for disabled children

Sullivan's Heroes offers fundraising support specifically for home adaptations to meet children's health and care requirements where the costs of adaptations are in excess of council grants available. Sullivan's heroes provide financial grants in addition to hosting a fundraising platform for families where the family receive 100% of the original donations, where Gift Aid is applicable – no fees will be deducted.

#### Will consider funding

- Building adaptation works where the costs will exceed that of the Disabled Facilities Grant awarded.

#### Will not consider funding

- Anything other than building adaptations

#### How to apply:

- Complete application form available on website, accompany with notification of approval of a DFG, supporting letter from child's Occupational Therapist and quotes from at least 2 builders showing the full costs and specification of the home adaptations project.
- If approval has not yet been awarded for a DFG you can begin fundraising by applying through sending a letter from your child's Occupational Therapist.

#### Timescales:

The grants review timescale is between 7-10 working days from receipt of application.

Variety aim to support children who have to cope with sickness, disability or disadvantage. They fund hospitals and hospital units, youth clubs, and support services through their Sunshine Coaches scheme. Variety also fund wheelchairs, equipment grants and days out.

#### Will consider funding

- Wheelchairs (light manual wheelchairs, powered wheelchairs, standing wheelchairs, all-terrain wheelchairs and sports wheelchairs—both manual and powered)
- Days out
- In-home and mobile hoists
- Monitors and alarms
- Sensory equipment
- Play and sports equipment

#### Will not consider funding

- Standard household equipment or furnishings
- Garden adaptations, sheds
- Wheelchair adapted vehicles
- Laptops, iPads
- Trikes, bikes, buggies
- Trips abroad
- Medical treatment or therapy sessions

#### How to apply:

Separate application processes for wheelchairs, days out and equipment.

- *Equipment:* Application available on website, written agreement from an appropriately qualified professional needs to be submitted in support of the application, alongside the supplier of the equipment's quotation
- *Wheelchairs:* Application available on website, written agreement from an appropriately qualified professional needs to be submitted in support of the application, alongside the supplier of the equipment's quotation. For sports wheelchairs, a supporting statement from the local sports club will be required.
- *Days out:* Schools and community groups that work with children who are sick, disabled or

#### Timescales:

- Applications for wheelchairs and equipment are reviewed at committee meetings 6 times a year (every two months). From grant approval it can take up to 4-6 months to raise funds for equipment or wheelchairs.

WellChild believe that every child, young person and family must have the opportunity to be cared for at home whenever and have access to high quality, appropriate care and services whatever their needs. WellChild also offer garden and bedroom makeovers through the WellChild Helping Hands home improvement programme.

Will consider funding	Will not consider funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bedroom makeovers</li><li>• Garden makeovers</li><li>• Projects which will take under 2 days</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building projects, such as constructing a conservatory or converting an outhouse</li><li>• Structural changes to walls</li><li>• Any works that needs a qualified tradesperson, such as a plumber or electrician</li><li>• Landscaping that is not suitable for an unskilled volunteer to complete</li></ul>

#### How to apply:

- Separate application forms (for bedroom makeovers and garden makeovers) are available on the WellChild website.
- A professional involved with the child (not a GP) will need to complete a supporting section of the application form confirming the child's diagnosis and the benefits the project will have on the child.
- Decisions about projects are made without visits to the property, so a clear photograph of

#### Timescales:

- WellChild cannot guarantee how long it will take from them agreeing to take on a project until it's completed as WellChild rely on Company volunteers – finding them and arranging the project can take time. WellChild aim to complete bedroom and garden makeovers in 1-2 days.
- Meetings to review applications are normally held in January, May and September each year.

This is not an exhaustive list of charities and what they may be able to provide support with.

Please use the following two websites below to find other potential forms of support, in addition to utilising search engines to identify charities and benevolent organisations who support on the basis of a particular diagnosis, or employment history/employment sector of parents.

[www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk)

[www.disability-grants.org](http://www.disability-grants.org)

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