



## Charities that provide funding for children's and young people's equipment



my AFK – Working with Disability ([www.my-afk.org](http://www.my-afk.org))

**Who they help:** my AFK provides funding for mobility equipment not available on the NHS to disabled children and young people up to age 25 across the UK.

**What they supply:** Funding towards mobility equipment such as: powered and manual wheelchairs, sports and all terrain wheelchairs, specialist buggies and trikes, power packs and power assists, car seats, harnesses, and walkers. They are *not able to provide funding towards:* static equipment such as specialist chairs, seating and beds, therapeutic equipment, vehicle adaptations, sheds for storing mobility equipment, equipment for schools or community groups, and non-mobility equipment.



Family Fund  
Helping disabled children

Family Fund ([www.familyfund.org.uk](http://www.familyfund.org.uk))

**Who they help:** Family Fund helps families across the UK who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under. They ask for evidence of benefits in their application

**What they supply:** Grants for mobility equipment, sensory equipment, and holidays. They are *not able to provide funding for:* home adaptations, building works, medical treatment/therapies, medical equipment, household bills, childcare, purchase of cars, items already purchased, and instances when statutory agency should pay



The Boparan Charitable Trust ([www.theboparancharitabletrust.com](http://www.theboparancharitabletrust.com))

**Who they help:** 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.

**What they supply:** Grants towards mobility equipment such as wheelchairs, trikes, and buggies, sensory toys and equipment, speech and language therapist, holidays



## **React (Rapid Effective Assistance for Children with potentially Terminal illness)** ([www.reactcharity.org](http://www.reactcharity.org))

**Who they help:** React provides practical assistance to families across the UK living on a low income and caring for a child under the age of 18 with a life-shortening illness.

**What they supply:** Grants towards mobility equipment, specialist furniture, communication aids and sensory toys, computers, medical equipment, homecare equipment and household items, travel & subsistence expenses, respite breaks, and end of life support



## **Variety Club, The Children's Charity** ([www.variety.org.uk](http://www.variety.org.uk))

**Who they help:** Variety Club considers requests for funding for specialist equipment which will be of clear direct benefit to a child or children up to the age of 18 with a disability/disabilities and/or with special needs.

**What they supply:** Grants towards mobility equipment, monitoring equipment, feeding tubes or hoists, and sensory equipment



## **Whizz-Kidz** ([www.whizz-kidz.org.uk](http://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk))

**Who they help:** Whizz-Kidz can help with a broad range of mobility equipment to give children and young people across the UK under the age of 18 with a physical disability which affects independence at home, at school and at play.

**What they supply:** Grants towards manual wheelchairs, powered wheelchairs, buggies, and trikes



## **Caudwell Charitable Trust** ([www.caudwellchildren.com](http://www.caudwellchildren.com))

**Who they help:** Caudwell Children provides family support services, equipment, treatment and therapies for disabled children under 18 and their families across the UK. They also run their Enable Sport programme for talented disabled athletes and Destination Dreams holiday for children fighting life-threatening conditions

**What they supply:** Grants towards mobility such as powered wheelchairs, specialised buggies, bespoke therapy tricycles, and specialised car seats. They also offer funding for sensory equipment.



**The Nihal Armstrong Trust** [The Nihal Armstrong Trust \(www.nihalarmstrongtrust.org.uk\)](http://www.nihalarmstrongtrust.org.uk)

**Who they help:** The Nihal Armstrong Trust helps children across the UK under the age of 18 with Cerebral Palsy fund equipment that the local authority will not fund.

**What they supply:** Grants towards mobility equipment and communication aids. They do not fund equipment over £1000 and will not part-fund equipment



**Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children**

[\(www.newlifecharity.co.uk\)](http://www.newlifecharity.co.uk)

**Who they help:** Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children provides funding for essential community equipment across the UK for disabled children under the age of 19.

**What they supply:** Grants towards specialist seating, wheelchairs, beds, and communication aids and much more. Contact them if you are unsure if they fund the equipment you need.



**Children Today Charitable Trust** ([www.childrentoday.org.uk/](http://www.childrentoday.org.uk/))

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

**What they supply:** Grants towards specialised equipment such as Powered wheelchairs, walking aids, trikes, adapted car seats, lifting aids to enable movement, and posturepedic sleep equipment



**The Child Foundation** ([www.thechildfoundation.co.uk](http://www.thechildfoundation.co.uk))

**Who they help:** The Child Foundation helps children across the UK up to the age of 18 with disabilities and/or special or specific care needs and/or terminal illnesses and their families by providing grants and equipment not normally provided by the statutory authorities.

**What they supply:** Grants towards mobility equipment, communication equipment, specialist seating and hoists, and holidays



Tree of Hope

Transforming the health of  
sick and disabled children

Tree of Hope Children's Charity ([www.treeofhope.org.uk](http://www.treeofhope.org.uk))

**Who they help:** Tree of Hope helps children and young people with a disability or illness, who are under the age of 18, by supporting their families to fundraise to pay for specialist care that is not freely available through the NHS. Fundraising through Tree of Hope provides donor reassurance, allows families to collect 25% gift aid on any eligible donations and offers specialist fundraising support.

**What they supply:** They help fundraise for items and support such as: therapy, specialist equipment, operations and treatments, house adaptations, and sensory gardens



Promise Dreams ([www.promisedreams.co.uk](http://www.promisedreams.co.uk))

**Who they help:** Promise Dreams is a national charity that aims to make a real difference to children, up to age 18, who are seriously or terminally ill.

**What they supply:** They will fund a one-off 'dream' such as the trip of a lifetime, or something that will make a difference to the child/family each and every day of their life, such as medical equipment, home adaptations or a wheelchair.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For a list of further resources other than funding mobility equipment, we have also collated a list on our website and included the link here - <https://www.my-afk.org/resources#young-people-families>

## Funding for children and adults

The  
Carter  
Trust

The Carter Trust (<https://cartertrust.org.uk/>)

**Who they help:** The Carter Trust helps people of any age across the UK, who are disabled (including those with sensory, physical, and intellectual impairments and those with complex needs) and are in financial need. It is essential for the application to have the support of a healthcare professional.

**What they supply:** Grants towards special equipment or adaption of applicants' housing or transport to meet their needs.



**Independence at Home** ([www.independeathome.org.uk](http://www.independeathome.org.uk))

**Who they help:** Independence at Home helps people of any age across the UK who have a long-term illness or disability and need financial help towards the cost of independent living. Applications must be submitted by health, social care or housing worker, or a worker for a charity.

**What they supply:** Grants towards mobility and travel equipment, specialist seating and hoists, home adaptations, communication equipment, home repairs, kitchen equipment, beds, general furnishings, and bills



**Barchester's Charitable Foundation** ([www.bhcfoundation.org.uk](http://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk))

**Who they help:** Barchester's helps individuals across the UK who are 18 and over improve mobility, independence, and quality of life. All applications for named individuals must be completed by a third party who knows the individual in a professional or community-based capacity (ie – health care professional, social or citizens' advice work or a charity representative).

**What they supply:** Grants towards mobility equipment such as manual wheelchairs, powered wheelchairs, buggies, and trikes



FOUNDATION TRUST

**The Paul Bush Foundation Trust** (<https://www.bushco.co.uk/the-paul-bush-foundation-trust/>)

**Who they help:** The Paul Bush Foundation Trust helps individuals of any age across the UK with an acquired physical disability, as a result of an accident or birth injury, to improve their physical, psychological and emotional well-being via the provision of grants to address individual needs. Application must be completed by third party such as health care professional, social worker, or charity/support group representative.

**What they supply:** Grants towards specialist mobility equipment, small scale immediate accommodation projects, specialist technology for home or school, and UK holiday provision requiring specialist support



**Elifar Foundation** ([www.elifarfoundation.org.uk](http://www.elifarfoundation.org.uk))



**Who they help:** The Elifar Foundation welcomes applications by, or on behalf of, individual children or young adults up to the age of 28 with any form of physical or learning disability.

**What they supply:** Grants towards manual and powered wheelchairs, specialised seating and car seats, specialised beds and sleep systems, specialised trikes, specialised holidays, sensory toys and equipment, communication aids and software, and hoists



**Wheels for Martin's Friends** ([www.wheelsformartinsfriends.org.uk](http://www.wheelsformartinsfriends.org.uk))

**Who they help:** Wheels for Martin's Friends helps people of **all ages** with disabilities and offer to help people in the Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire area or those who have a strong connection with those areas.

**What they supply:** Grants towards mobility equipment such as powered and manual wheelchairs and trikes



**Mobility trust** ([www.mobilitytrust.org.uk](http://www.mobilitytrust.org.uk))

**Who they help:** The Mobility Trust helps people with severe disabilities of all ages across the UK who cannot obtain mobility equipment through other means.

**What they supply:** Provide powered wheelchairs and scooters



**The Hospital Saturday Fund** ([www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org](http://www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org))

**Who they help:** The Hospital Saturday Fund provides assistance to individuals of any age across the UK with a medical condition or disability who would benefit from assistance with the purchase of specialised equipment or from particular forms of treatment. Application must be completed by third party such as health care professional, social worker, or charity/support group representative.

**What they supply:** Partial or full grants for: Specialised Mobility Equipment, Medical Appliances and Aids, Specialised Computer Equipment, Therapeutic Equipment / Treatment, Lift hoist / aids, Physiotherapy, Home adaptations, Respite breaks



**Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust** ([www.fnaist.org.uk](http://www.fnaist.org.uk))

**Who they help:** Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust helps people of all ages across the UK who are sick, in poor health or disabled and require medical items and services to improve their quality of life

**What they supply:** Grants towards mobility equipment, car seats and harnesses, hoists, sensory equipment, communication aids, computers



**Joseph Patrick Trust** ([www.musculardystrophyuk.org](http://www.musculardystrophyuk.org))

**Who they help:** Joseph Patrick Trust offers funding for individuals of any age UK-wide with muscular dystrophy or a related condition.

**What they supply:** Grants towards mobility equipment, computers, vehicle adaptations, therapy equipment, assistive technology, portable aids