



making a difference to the lives of people with severe learning disabilities

Specialist equipment and safety adaptations

This information sheet may be useful for families who are:

- Looking for safety adaptation ideas.
- Looking for more information on Disabled Facilities Grants.
- In need of some suppliers contact details.



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Introduction

This sheet contains information about specialist equipment for children and adults with severe learning disabilities who display behaviour that challenges. It lists some information that can help to improve safety and protect a person's home. It also includes information about Disabled Facilities Grants. It is by no means exhaustive. Suppliers' contact details are listed at the end. Inclusion in this list does not constitute an endorsement from the CBF. Readers are encouraged to evaluate the benefits and risks of each product before purchase.

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Assistive Technology

Assistive Technology is any item, product or piece of equipment that helps an individual to do something which they may find difficult. People with a severe learning disability may have extra needs and therefore require specialist equipment to keep them safe and improve their quality of life.



ADAPTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Alarms

Personal Emergency Response Systems use electronic sensors connected to an alarm system to notify carers of a change in the environment. Pressure or infrared sensors are available to detect someone entering or leaving their room or bed. Alarms or alerts can sense when someone has an epileptic seizure in bed or has wet the bed (an 'enuresis' sensor).

These types of technology can save regular checking times and allow the person more independence and privacy. There are also automatic lights that sense when someone enters or leaves a room.

You can buy affordable alarms on <u>Amazon</u>. These are self-adhesive alarms that can be stuck on doors or windows. The alarms are motion sensor and will provide an alert when triggered.

Bathroom



If shower, towel rails or toilet roll holders are pulled down, magnetic versions (that pull apart from the brackets under pressure and can be re-attached) are available Look for anti-ligature version such as these from Yewdale.

Various devices can be fitted to prevent baths or basins overflowing; <u>Nova-</u> <u>Flo</u> is a product that senses the water level in a bath or basin and turns off the taps automatically to prevent flooding. <u>Magiplug</u> is a bath plug with a built-in sensor that detects the pressure from the water and opens the plug to let out water when the level is too high.

Tap straps are available from <u>Fledglings</u>, which help to prevent taps being turned on. Tap straps can be used on both bath and sink taps, although they are only suitable for cross-head type taps. <u>Victorian Plumbing</u> provide assisted living bathrooms.

Beds/Bedding and Mattresses

Tough, robust mattresses and beds are available from <u>Tough Furniture</u> and <u>Link Design</u> (but are expensive!). These can be fixed to the floor if required. <u>Reinforced Beds</u> sell durable and heavy-duty bed frames, that are built to last.

One parent contacted the local hospital to purchase a plastic covered mattress after her daughter constantly ripped mattress covers and waterproof sheeting, this was easier to clean. <u>Tough Furniture</u> can supply secure mattresses which are tear and water resistant. Waterproof, wipe clean pillows and duvets are available to purchase from <u>Fledglings</u>. A waterproof mattress protector is also available from <u>Brolly Sheets</u> and comes in 5 bright colours. The protectors are 100% cotton and are designed to fit over the bottom sheet making it easier to change without having to pull all the bedding off.

Bedding made from cotton can withstand high temperature washes. Another parent used <u>Fast Asleep</u> blankets and bedding as they have found them to be 'bite proof'. <u>The Range</u> amongst other stores have coverless duvets. This is helpful for people who struggle with keeping bedding on. <u>Quick Zip</u> have fitted sheets with zippers, so the bedding cannot be removed easily.

<u>Safe Spaces</u> can custom make a padded safe play space, sleep room or calm area to support children and adults who display behaviour that challenges or have poor sleep patterns. These safe spaces can be customised to include sensory stimulation such as fibre optic kits or a special effects projector and can also provide a safe, private space for the user.

Furniture

A range of companies supply waterproof chairs with removable covers. <u>Colourways</u> supply waterproof wipe clean fabrics for fixed upholstery as well as loose covers for chairs and sofas which are machine washable. <u>Pineapple</u> create a wide range of mindfully designed, safe and robust furniture. If they don't have something suitable, they create it!

<u>Tough Furniture</u> supply wardrobes, cupboards and furniture which can be fixed to walls. They have lockable drawers, (to prevent them from being removed to climb on or to take out the contents) and television cabinets with a strong, lockable screen. <u>Hammonds</u> provide fitted furniture which is built into existing spaces. <u>Anti-Ligature Shop</u> is a supplier of specialist antiligature products ranging from anti-ligature door and window furniture, to lighting, and plumbing etc. <u>Poppi furniture</u> sells a selection of furniture called the 'challenging' range, offering adapted products including fully welded and damage resistant mattresses and heavy-duty dining tables, and also can adapt furniture to requests.

Wall coverings

Painted walls are easy to clean and eliminate the potential for unplanned wallpaper stripping and/or shredding and eating. Washable paints are helpful and now widely available. Posters, pictures and photos can be covered by a protective sheet of polycarbonate which will not crack or shatter. Protective wall features are available from <u>Gradus</u>. There is also the option of wall panelling if another layer of protection or soundproofing is needed. You can find wall panelling kits at <u>B&Q</u>. If your loved one needs padding on the walls to prevent injury you can request an OT assessment, but if you would like to explore this option privately there are companies such as <u>total sensory</u> which provide soft coverings and wall padding.

Windows

Ordinary glass can be replaced with strengthened safety glass or Makrolon (polycarbonate). Made to measure Makrolon sheets and acrylic windows are available from <u>Eagle Boat Windows</u>. Lockable windows increase safety for children and adults who have no sense of danger (window locks can be easily fitted to most windows and are available at most DIY centres). Polycarbonate window protection frames are available from <u>Tough</u> <u>Furniture Ltd</u>. These frames contain a lockable door which gives access to curtains and blinds whilst still providing ventilation (see page 35 of the online brochure on their website).

Wooden surfaces

Some people may chew, bite or pick at wooden surfaces such as window sills and furniture. A 90° strong plastic edging strip (available from most DIY stores) can be fitted to wooden edges.

Curtains

If curtains or curtain rails are regularly pulled down, Velcro tab top curtains are available to purchase from <u>Colourways</u> (specialised furniture page), which can be easily rehung without any damage. Magnetic curtain rails that pull apart under pressure and can be re-attached are available from <u>Primera</u>. If you prefer blinds, then there are cordless options from <u>blinds2go</u>. When the blinds are up there is nothing to grab onto, these may be suitable for children or anyone with a small stature. For a quicker and more affordable option you can visit <u>Screwfix</u> for frosted window film. This ensures privacy and is easy to remove when needed.

Doors

Doors and doorframes can be easily damaged. Internal doors can be replaced by sturdier fireproof doors and can be fixed to the frames with heavy duty hinges. More hinges than the conventional two can help, but may result in problems with the door frames coming away from the walls. Consult a carpenter about the best course of action to take for your individual needs.

There are inexpensive door stops that can be purchased from <u>Amazon</u> which prevent doors from slamming. The use of window locks or star locks for the top of doors can prevent access to particular rooms (for example, the kitchen to ensure safety and freedom to move around the house unsupervised). Magnetic locks can also be bought from <u>Fledglings</u>. A door viewer hole in the bedroom door enables you to check on the person without disturbing him/her (check that the viewer has 180° viewing range and ensure privacy is carefully considered). These are available at most DIY stores and online at <u>Discount Locks</u>. <u>Fledglings</u> manufacture sliding door and window blocks that are easy to fit and limit how far a door or window will open.

Electrical Equipment

Electrical sockets could, if possible, be located outside the bedroom (or inside locked cupboards) enabling the use of stereos, televisions, etc (which can be placed in a cupboard with a polycarbonate window). Stainless steel electrical sockets with lockable fronts (screw down flap) are available from most good electrical suppliers and plastic socket covers lockable with a key are available from <u>Fledglings</u>.

Light switches can also be located outside the room, and dome type lights could be considered if your relative may pull down a pendant light. If you are worried about wires being in reach, you can buy USB charged light bulbs from <u>Amazon</u>. If your relative has sensitivity to the light, then dimmable light bulbs may be a better option.

Radiators

Radiators can be boxed in to eliminate the danger of burns and also to limit the amount of noise that can be generated by hitting them. <u>B&Q</u> sell radiator covers, which can allow for a quick solution or if you have exposed hot pipes, you can get covers from <u>UK radiators</u>. There are also radiators that are not hot to touch (Low Surface Temperature Radiators) and underfloor heating for rooms if you need to avoid having them altogether. Radiators can also be placed high up on walls, out of reach. An alternative heating system to radiators is skirting board heating, called Thermaskirt and provided by <u>Discrete Heat</u>.

Flooring

Vinyl flooring is easiest to keep clean. Fixing it to the floor securely can be difficult. Bolt safe flooring (thicker and harder to rip) is available from most carpet stockists.

Durable washable carpet is a more expensive alternative that is available from <u>Gradus</u>. However, you can purchase carpet protection film from

America Floor Mats. <u>Soft Floor</u> produces a range of interlocking soft mats and rubber floorings which have interlocking jigsaw edges to create a multi-purpose soft floor area.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Clothing

Clothes may need to be altered to suit someone's sensory needs around fabrics, behaviours or ability to dress or undress themself. <u>Clothing Solutions</u> is a registered charity that provides information and advice about how to meet the clothing needs of people with disabilities. In addition, they will adapt



clothes or tailor from scratch to suit specific needs, such as using preferred fabrics or making nightwear 'all-in-one'. <u>Adaptawear</u> also offers a wide selection of adult clothing to purchase that makes getting dressed easier and less painful. <u>Marks and Spencer</u> do a children's easy dressing range. This includes dysplasia clothes, clothing that allows access to feeding tubes and zip up bodysuits. <u>Unhidden</u> are a clothing brand that focus on accessibility and inclusivity. <u>Comfa</u> is a clothing brand that have created one of the first ever fidget t shirts. A seamless, no label, special fabric t shirt with built in popits. <u>KC Sleepsuits</u> are specialist suppliers of sleepsuits. <u>Seenin</u> create incontinence swimwear for children with special needs. <u>Friendly Shoes</u> are shoes that are designed by an Occupational Therapist. <u>Wuka</u> have period pants for women, to replace disposable sanitary products. Alternatively, <u>Primark</u> offer adaptive clothing and period underwear.

Information Technology

There are a number of companies specialising in software and hardware that can provide useful teaching tools and aids for language development. <u>Incentive Plus</u> supplies a range of computer educational resources, communication software, toys, and equipment. <u>Inclusive Technology</u> provides special





communication aids and assistive technology for individuals with a learning disability, sensory impairment or physical disability. <u>Keytools</u> are a supplier of assistive technology and ergonomic computer equipment; they offer a large range of adapted keyboards, support software, mouse and user-friendly furniture. <u>Microsoft</u> have adaptive accessories such as adaptive buttons and mouse and the option to customise adaptive accessories.

<u>Widgit</u> supplies picture and symbol software for literacy development, labelling and communication (including tailor made resources). <u>Ace</u> <u>Centre</u> have a resource bank of communication aids and access devices, as well as resources available for short term loan at a small cost. <u>Ability</u> <u>World</u> have a variety of products to assist with learning and communication such as fabric communication boards, switch accessible cameras, Megabee (portable, simple to use, eye-blink communication board) and a voice pen which speaks words, phrases or plays music when you touch the paper.

Most smartphones will have a variety of apps designed for children and adults with learning disabilities. The <u>Apple Store</u> has various apps for iPads and iPhones which allow the user to play musical notes by tapping on the screen, as well apps for writing and drawing. Some of the apps are free to download. The store can be accessed through the device that will be used. The app store for Android and Google devices (<u>Google Play</u>) also offers a range of useful apps – one example is JABtalk, which is designed to help people with little to no speech communicate by allowing them to build sentences from words and pictures.

For more information about supporting your relative's communication see INSERT LINK

iPads and Tablets are often used to engage people and allow for some downtime. You can find tough durable cases such as Griffin Survivor on <u>Amazon</u>. If you would like a case that is lightweight and can stand up then see <u>iGuy</u> for cases. If your loved one is prone to throwing the iPad/tablet then <u>iBallz</u> have shook absorbing cases.

Outdoor equipment

Family carers have found that swings can be a great way to meet their relative's sensory needs, have fun and get some exercise outdoors. These are available for children and adults. <u>Brave Toys</u> sell swings



made with steel and rope that are 'strong enough for adults', but note that regulations only cover the swing for people up to 14 years old.

Tricycles can be a fun and healthy activity for children or adults who are not able to ride a bicycle. <u>TomCat</u> is a company that produce specially adapted trikes and chairs for children and adults. A range of tricycles including folding and electric trikes is offered by <u>Tricyclesales</u>. <u>Di Blasi</u> also offers adapted, foldable trikes as well as other mobility aids – however this company is based in Italy so shipping costs apply!

Toys and Sensory Equipment

SensoryPlus, Sensory Toy Warehouse, SpaceKraft, Rompa and Sensory Toy Warehouse provide various toys and other equipment relating to sensory environments, including calming objects and fidget toys. <u>Rompa</u> offer soft chairs and soft play items, such as wedges and tactile tunnels. <u>Fat brain</u> toys are a toy company that make toys

for you, by you. The rely completely on family feedback to make their toys. They cater for a variety of different needs. The company is based in the United States so international shipping costs will apply! Balance and movement equipment may help children who need extra input to sense where their body is and to improve their balance (available from <u>Rompa</u>, <u>Sensory Plus, Sensory Toy Warehouse, SpaceKraft</u>).

<u>Cheap Disability Aids</u> produce various sensory products such as a UV bubble mixture which lights up in the dark, children's ear defenders for those that are sensitive to loud noises and a magnetic time tracker which can be set to alert children or adults that an activity is coming to an end by lights or noise. They also produce a range of bracelets, necklaces and bangles for children who chew to enable them to continue to do this in a discreet way.

Learning games and books are available from <u>Incentive Plus</u>, such as 'Off we go!', 'Going to buy clothes' or 'Going to the dentist' books. Age appropriate sensory equipment and resources are also available in the Adults and Elderly section of the <u>Sensory Toy Warehouse</u> website as well as on the <u>TFH</u> website.

TRAVEL SAFETY

We are often asked how to keep individuals safe when travelling by car. A large bucket type seat with a 5 point harness is available from <u>Crelling</u> <u>Harnesses Ltd</u>. In <u>Car Safety Centre</u> can supply car seats fitted with impact pads as an alternative to a 5 point harness. <u>Windmill Special Needs Co. Ltd</u> are suppliers of magnetic harnesses and seat belt



guards, ("Buckle Guard" and "Angel Guard") designed to fit over different seat belt mechanisms, making it difficult for the individual to undo the seat belt. If necessary, a 5 point harness and a foot rest can be fitted for those who need help sitting up-straight or drag their feet. Driving Mobility provide custom car seats for children with disabilities. For driving aids such as, a person lift to get into a vehicle or a hoist **The Adaptation Installation Company** offer a range of adaptations.

A transparent screen can be fitted behind the front seats for travelling with people who display challenging behaviour in the car. This allows enhanced safety for everyone in the car and peace of mind for the driver. <u>Driver</u> <u>Shields UK Ltd</u> is a supplier of these screens.

Need an aid or piece of equipment which is not available commercially?

Several organisations manufacture tailor made equipment for disabled people:

• <u>Designability</u> are a non-profit making charity that design and manufacture innovative items to support disabled people in their daily activities and to enable their needs to be met.



- <u>Cerebra Innovation Centre</u> produces bespoke equipment and adapts existing products to support children with brain conditions.
- <u>DEMAND</u> is a national charity dedicated to making new products to suit individuals' needs. They also refurbish old equipment and have a second-hand section on their website.
- <u>Medical Engineering Resource Unit (MERU)</u> is a charity that can make modifications to existing disability products as well as customdesigning and manufacturing new and complex items.
- <u>REMAP</u> is a national charity that makes or modifies equipment to suit an individual's needs when nothing is suitable through mainstream sources.

Still can't find what you need?

<u>Fledglings</u> are a charity that aims to help parents find the equipment they need for their disabled child.

Need help funding equipment?

Equipment under £1000

If a need for a specific piece of equipment is identified in your relative's social care needs assessment or by an OT, this can usually be funded by the Local Authority or ICB (Integrated Care Board). Speak to your relative's Social Worker or Care Co-ordinator.

Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs)

These are provided by local councils to help make home adaptations that improve a disabled person's independence, safety, or make it easier to care for them. These adaptations can range from simple changes like installing wider doors, ramps, or stairlifts, to larger projects such as



building an extension or upgrading the heating system to make it safer. In Scotland, similar support is available through Home Improvement Grants. For more details on eligibility and how to apply, visit GOV.UK

To apply for a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) in England, follow these steps:

1. Contact the Local Authority: Reach out to your local council's housing or environmental health department to express interest in a DFG.

2. Assessment: A council-appointed occupational therapist (OT) will assess your home and determine what modifications are necessary to meet your relative's needs.

3. Application: Submit a formal application, which includes details of the proposed works, estimates from contractors, and proof of income and savings for a means test (unless the grant is for a child under 18, in which case the means test is waived).

4. Approval: The council reviews your application, including the financial assessment. If approved, the council will determine the grant amount, which can be up to £30,000, depending on your financial situation and the cost of the work.

5. Work Commences: Once the grant is approved, you can begin the modifications. The council may help arrange contractors or you can choose your own. **Do not start work before the grant is approved as it is unlikely you will be reimbursed for the work you have done.**

6. Completion and Payment: After the work is completed and inspected, the grant will cover the agreed costs, either directly to the contractor or reimbursed to you.

The process is likely to take a few months, and priority is given to urgent cases.

The government funds an organisation called **Foundations**. If you are unsure about what adaptations would be helpful you can complete the assessment section on the website. This offers a series of recommendations on how you could adapt your home to make it more suitable for your needs.

When buying equipment and safety adaptions for a disabled child or adult, the purchase is exempt from VAT. Most suppliers should have a VAT exemption form; however, a template is available from the HMRC website (www.hmrc.gov.uk).

Grants and charities

If the item needed cannot be funded by the local authority or a DFG, then you may be able to get some help towards it from a charity or trust fund or make use of a loan scheme. A number of charities that give grants, such as the <u>Family Fund</u>, are listed at the back of this information sheet. Wider lists are available from <u>Contact</u> and <u>Disabled Living Foundation (Living Made</u> <u>Easy- Children section)</u>. For help finding a grant <u>Turn 2 Us</u> have a database of trusts and funds, such as trusts related to the profession of a parent or the religion of the families. A loan scheme for equipment and communication aids is available from <u>Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children</u>, which can provide grants for essential equipment and communication aids. They also offer a priority loan service for terminally ill children and access to a Newlife Nurse Helpline via telephone or using the online chat system.

Funding for mobility equipment which is not usually available on the NHS including specialist trikes and car seats is available from <u>My AFK</u>, for disabled children and young people up to the age of 26.

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DIRECTORY OF SUPPLIERS



Ability World Tel: 0345 47 47 245 Email: enquiries@ability-world.com Website: <u>www.ability-world.com</u>

Ace Centre Tel : 0800 080 3115 Email : enquiries@acecentre.org.uk Website: <u>www.acecentre.org.uk</u>

Adaptawear Tel: 0800 051 1931 Email: info@adaptawear.co Website: <u>www.adaptawear.com</u>

Anti-Ligature Shop Tel: 0330 0536 020 Email: info@anti-ligature-shop.co.uk Website: www.anti-ligature-shop.co.uk/

Apple Store Tel:0800 048 0754 Website: <u>www.apple.com/uk/accessibility</u>

Brave Toys Tel: 01299 827820 Email: swings@bravetoys.com Website: <u>www.bravetoys.com</u>

Cerebra Innovation Centre Tel: 0800 328 1159 Email: enquiries@cerebra.org.uk Website: <u>www.cerebra.org.uk/CIC</u>

Chewigem WhatsApp: 07813590339 Email: hello@chewigem.co.uk Website: <u>Chewigem</u> Clothing Solutions Tel: 01274 292291 Email: enquiries@clothingsolutions.org.uk Website: <u>www.clothingsolutions.org.uk</u>

Colourways Ltd Tel: 01489 580978 Email: Contact via website Website: <u>www.colourwaysltd.com</u>

Crelling Harnesses Tel: 01253 852298 Email: info@crelling.com Website: <u>www.crelling.com</u>

Demand Tel: 01923 681800 Email: Contact on website Website: <u>www.demand.org.uk</u>

Designability Tel: 01225 824 4103 Email: info@designability.org.uk Website: www.designability.org.uk

Di Blasi Tel: 39 095 940384 (international charges may apply) Email: <u>info@diblasi.it</u> Website: <u>https://www.di-blasi.com/?lang=en</u>

Living made easy Email: info@dlf.org.uk Website: <u>www.livingmadeeasy.org.uk</u>

Discrete Heat Tel: 01942 88 00 66 Email: info@discreteheat.co.uk Website: www.discreteheat.com

Driver Shields UK Ltd Tel: 01702 479872 Email: info@drivershields.co.uk Website: <u>www.drivershields.co.uk</u>



Eagle Boat Windows Tel: 01273 890300 Email: sales@eagleboatwindows.co.uk Website: <u>www.eagleboatwindows.co.uk</u>

Fastasleep Tel: 028 9442 8686 Email: sales@fastasleep.co.uk Website: <u>www.fastasleep.co.uk</u>

Fledglings Tel: 0203 319 9772 Email: fledglings@contact.org.uk Website: <u>www.fledglings.org.uk</u>

Gradus Tel: 01625 428922 E-mail: Contact on website Website: <u>www.gradus.com</u>

Google Play Store Website: <u>https://play.google.com</u>

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Tel:0117 906 1700 Email: Contact via website Website: <u>www.hft.org.uk</u> Virtual house: <u>www.hftsmarthouse.org.uk</u>

In Car Safety Tel: Milton Keynes: 01908 220909 Belfast: 028 9074 2052 Essex: 01702 808 313 Email: info@incarsafetycentre.co.uk Website: www.incarsafetycentre.co.uk Incentive Plus Tel: 01604437840 Email: orders@incentiveplus.co.uk Website: <u>www.incentiveplus.co.uk</u>

Hypertec Tel: 01488 686844 Email: info@hypertec.co.uk Website:<u>www.hypertec.co.uk</u>

Magiplug Tel: 01322 613154 Email: Contact on website Website: <u>www.magiplug.com</u>

MERU Email: Contact on website Website: <u>www.meru.org.uk</u>

Nova-Flo Tel: 01608 811707 Email: info@nova-flo.com Website: <u>www.nova-flo.com</u>

Pineapple Tel: 01622 237 830 Email: sales@pineapplecontracts.com Website**:** <u>www.uk.pineapplecontracts.com</u>

Poppi Furniture Tel: 01226 722139 Email: sales@poppifurniture.co.uk Website: <u>Contact on website</u>

QED – Quality Enabling Devices/ Inclusive Technology Tel: 01457 819790 Email: inclusive@inclusive.co.uk Website: www.inclusive.co.uk



Remap Tel: 01732 760209 Email: data@remap.org.uk Website: <u>www.remap.org.uk</u>

Rompa Tel: 01246 211 777 Email: customer.service@rompa.com Website: <u>www.rompa.com</u>

Safe Spaces Tel: 01706 816 274 Email: info@safespaces.co.uk Website: <u>www.safespaces.co.uk</u>

Sensory Direct Tel: 01905 670500 Email: info@sensorydirect.com Website: www.sensorydirect.com

SensoryPlus Tel: 01302 645 685 Email: info@sensoryplus.co.uk Website: <u>www.sensoryplus.co.uk</u>

Sensory Toy Warehouse Tel: 0161 524 1111 Email: sales@sensorytoywarehouse.com Website: www.sensorytoywarehouse.com

Softfloor / Softfloor Kids

Tel: 01206 390570 Email: Contact via form on website Website: <u>www.softfloorkids.co.uk</u>

SpaceKraft Ltd Tel: 01274 581 007 Email: enquiries@spacekraft.co.uk Website: <u>www.spacekraft.co.uk</u> **TFH Special Needs Toys** Tel: 01299 827820 Email: info@tfhuk.com Website: <u>www.specialneedstoys.com</u>

TomCat Tel: 01452 616900 Email: info@tomcatuk.org Website: <u>www.tomcatspecialneeds.co.uk</u>

Tough Furniture Ltd Tel: 01588 674340 Email: sales@toughfurniture.com Website: <u>www.toughfurniture.com</u>

Widgit Tel: 01926 333680 Email: info@widgit.com Website: <u>www.widgit.com</u>

Windmill Special Needs Co. Ltd Tel: 01457 820684 Text: 07752 563755 Email: sales@windmillspecialneeds.co.uk Website: www.windmillspecialneeds.co.uk

GRANT GIVING CHARITIES

The Edward Gostling Foundation

Grants for building work, equipment and respite breaks Tel: 01753 753900 Email: Contact on website Website: <u>www.edwardgostlingfoundation.org.uk</u>

Caudwell Children

Grants for equipment, communication aids, or therapy Tel: 0345 300 1348 Email: charity@caudwellchildren.com Website: <u>www.caudwellchildren.com</u>

Cerebra

Grants for equipment and therapies Tel: 01267 244 200 Email: enquiriers@cerebra.org.uk Website: <u>www.cerebra.org.uk</u>

Children Today Charitable Trust

Grants for mobility aids, communication aids and sensory equipment Tel: 01244 335622 Email: info@childrentoday.org.uk Website: <u>www.childrentoday.org.uk</u>

Family Fund

Charity that provide grants for low income families raising severely disabled children Tel: 01904 550055 Email: info@familyfund.org.uk Website: www.familyfund.org.uk

Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust

Grants for children and adults who are ill or disabled Tel: 0207 998 8817 Email: lisa.hungerford@fnaist.org.uk Website: <u>www.fnaist.org.uk</u>

Independence at Home

Grants for mobility and disability equipment and home adaptations (Adults and children) Tel: 020 8427 7929 Email: iah@independenceathome.org.uk Website: www.independenceathome.org.uk

Lifeline 4 Kids

Provide essential equipment for disabled children under 18, families and schools/respite Email: Contact via website Website: <u>www.lifeline4kids.org</u>

My AFK

Fund mobility aids up to age 25 Tel: 020 8347 8111 Email: info@my-afk.org <u>www.my-afk.org/how-we-</u> <u>help/mobility-equipment/</u>

Newlife (BDF) Child and Family Fund

For children under 18 with birth defects or congenital conditions Tel: 01543 462 777 Email: Contact via website Website: <u>www.newlifecharity.co.uk</u>

Whizz-Kidz

Funding for mobility equipment Tel: 020 7233 6600 Email: info@whizz-kidz.org.uk Website: <u>www.whizz-kidz.org.uk</u>

HELP FINDING FUNDING

Contact Tel: 0808 808 3555

Email: info@contact.org.uk Website: <u>www.contact.org.uk</u>

Turn 2 Us Email: Contact via website Website: <u>www.turn2us.org.uk/Find-Benefits-</u> <u>Grants</u>

FURTHER READING

Disabled Living Foundation

Living made easy for children Website: <u>www.livingmadeeasy.org.uk/scenario.php</u> <u>?csid=172</u>

Disability Grants Website: <u>www.disability-</u> grants.org/grants-uk.html

Learning Disability England www.housingandsupport.org.uk/adapting -a-property

The Challenging Behaviour Foundation

We are the charity for people with severe learning disabilities who display challenging behaviour. We make a difference to the lives of children and adults across the UK by:

- Providing information about challenging behaviour
- Organising peer support for family carers and professionals
- Giving information and support by phone or email
- Running workshops which reduce challenging behaviour

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