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## Love the way I am Benefits & Grants

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Contact information for various organisations and charities which you may be able to access to obtain some assistance whether it be financial, equipment, days out, holidays, or just to make your life a little easier!

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**IMPORTANT:** This document is by no means complete and we are counting on everyone to let us know if there's anything we've missed off (particularly for Scotland, Wales and Ireland) which you think will be of help to other members. Likewise, please don't hesitate to flag up if you come across any links which no longer work, or out-of-date information.

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	<p><b><u>Disability Living Allowance (DLA)</u></b></p> <p>Tax-free benefit for disabled children and adults to help with extra costs you may have because of disability. DLA is in 2 parts - the care component and the mobility component. You may be able to get just one component or both. Rates for 2012/2013 are:</p> <table><tr><th>Care component</th><th>Weekly</th></tr><tr><td>Highest rate</td><td>£77.45</td></tr><tr><td>Middle rate</td><td>£51.85</td></tr><tr><td>Lowest rate</td><td>£20.55</td></tr><tr><th>Mobility</th><th>Weekly</th></tr><tr><td>Higher rate</td><td>£54.05</td></tr><tr><td>Lower rate</td><td>£20.55</td></tr></table> <p>NB: Rates are subject to change so please also refer to the following link: <a href="http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabilityLivingAllowance-ratesandhowtoclaim/Directgov-Money-taxandbenefits.htm">Disability Living Allowance - rates and how to claim Directgov - Money, tax and benefits.htm</a></p>	Care component	Weekly	Highest rate	£77.45	Middle rate	£51.85	Lowest rate	£20.55	Mobility	Weekly	Higher rate	£54.05	Lower rate	£20.55	<p>You may be eligible for Disability Living Allowance if you have walking difficulties or need help with your personal care. You must have had these needs for three months and expect to need this help or have these difficulties for at least another six months. DLA is split in to 2 components, Care and Mobility</p> <p>Your child may get Disability Living Allowance if:</p> <p>They have a physical or mental disability, or both</p> <p>Their disability is severe enough for him/her to need help caring for caring for themselves or have walking difficulties or both</p> <p>For the most up-to-date information and rates, please refer to:</p> <p><a href="http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabilityLivingAllowance-Money-taxandbenefits.htm">Disability Living Allowance Directgov - Money, tax and benefits.htm</a></p>	<p>Disability Living Allowance Unit or Attendance Allowance Unit Warbreck House Warbreck Hill Blackpool FY2 0YE</p> <p><b>Helpline:</b> 08457 123 456 Or from a mobile: 01367 730 222 <b>Open hours:</b> Mon - Fri 7.30am - 6.30 pm <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:DCPU.Customer-Services@dwp.gsi.gov.uk">mailto:DCPU.Customer-Services@dwp.gsi.gov.uk</a></p> <p> If you ring and request a form from the Benefit Enquiry Line, the date of request will be treated as your date of claim from which Disability Living Allowance can be paid, as long as the form you receive is returned within six weeks of that date.</p> <p>Or you can download and print off a pdf form: <a href="http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabilityLivingAllowance-Money-taxandbenefits.htm">dla1a_child_print.pdf</a></p> <p> <b>When completing the DLA form, the following guides are recommended</b> <a href="http://www.cerebra.org.uk/English/getinformation/publications/Pages/DLAGuide.aspx">www.cerebra.org.uk/English/getinformation/publications/Pages/DLAGuide.aspx</a></p> <p><b>Or</b> <a href="#">DLA help sheet - Disability Law Service.pdf</a></p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Carer's Allowance (CA)</u></b></p> <p>This is an allowance paid direct to the carer looking after a child providing the carer is aged 16 or over and spends at least 35 hours a week caring for someone who is ill or disabled.</p> <p>Current rates are £58.45 per week but are subject to change so it is advisable for you to double check using the following link:  <a href="#">Carer's Allowance Directgov - Money, tax and benefits.htm</a></p>	<p>You may be eligible for Carer's Allowance if you are caring for somebody who is getting one of the following benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance Allowance</li> <li>• Disability Living Allowance (DLA) at the middle or highest rate for personal care</li> </ul> <p>You <u>can't</u> get Carer's Allowance if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you are on a course of full-time education, or you are on holiday from full-time (21 hours or more) education.</li> <li>• you earn more than £100 a week after money has been taken off to allow for your expenses.</li> </ul> <p>Please see the following link for more details:  <a href="#">Disability Living Allowance Directgov - Money, tax and benefits.htm</a></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Carer's Allowance is not affected by any savings you may have but can affect other benefits. Please see the following link for more information:  <a href="#">Carer's Allowance - effect on other benefits and entitlements Directgov - Money, tax and benefits.htm</a></p> </div> </div>	<p>There are several ways of making a claim for Carer's Allowance. You can claim online, ask for a claim form to be sent to you or you can download a form from this page.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Apply online – very quick and easy to complete.  <a href="#">Carer's Allowance e-service - Launch page.htm</a></p> </div> </div> <p>Or you can download and print a form (43 pages) <a href="#">Carer's Allowance - Claim form - PDF - 43 pages.pdf</a></p> <p>Or ring for an application form:  <b>Telephone:</b> 0845 608 4321</p> <p><b>Opening hours:</b> 8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Thursday, and between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm on Fridays.</p> <p><b>Address:</b> Carer's Allowance Unit, Palatine House, Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 1HB</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Council Tax reduction for Disabled people</u></b></p> <p>You may be entitled to a reduction in Council Tax if you are disabled or have a disabled person living with you.</p> <p>Disabled people are helped with their Council Tax through the disabled band reduction scheme. This makes sure disabled people don't pay more Council Tax because they needed a larger property due to their disability.</p> <p><b>What reduction you may get</b></p> <p>If your home is eligible, your bill will be reduced to that of a property in the next Council Tax band down. For example, a Band D property will be charged a Band C rate. Even if your property is in Band A (the lowest band) you will still receive a reduction. It will be the same in cash terms as the reductions for homes in Band B, C or D.</p>	<p>Having a disability does not automatically entitle you to a reduction.</p> <p>In summary, the requirements for a reduction are the property must be the main residence of at least one disabled person. It must also have at least one of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An additional bathroom or kitchen required to meet the needs of the disabled person</li> <li>• *A room (other than a bathroom, kitchen or toilet) required to meet the needs of the disabled person, and used predominantly by them</li> <li>• Extra space inside the property to allow for the use of a wheelchair - wheelchairs for outdoor use only are excluded</li> <li>• The room or the wheelchair must also be of major importance to the disabled person's well-being, due to the extent of their disability.</li> </ul> <p>*An extra room does not need to have been specially built.</p>	<p><b>How to apply for a reduction</b></p> <p>You should write to or telephone your council if you think you may be entitled to a reduction on your Council Tax. You will need to apply for the reduction; your council will not automatically apply it, even if you receive care and support from social services.</p> <p>The council will send you a form to fill in and return. You can also find out about, and in some cases apply for, Council Tax reductions on your local council's website. The following link will let you enter details of where you live and then take you to your local council's website. This service is only available for councils in England.</p> <p>To find the contact details for your local council, please see the following link: <a href="#">Council Tax reduction for disabled people - how to apply Directgov - Disabled people.htm</a></p>

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  	<p><b><u>Energy Efficiency grants</u></b></p> <p>You may be able to get energy efficiency grants and offers to help you make energy saving improvements to your home. These grants and offers come from government, your local council or your energy supplier.</p> <p>The Warm Front scheme provides heating and insulation improvements to households on certain income-related benefits living in properties that are poorly insulated and/or do not have a working central heating system. Qualifying households can get improvements worth up to £3,500 (£6,000 where oil central heating and other alternative technologies are recommended). Grants are available for improvements such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• loft insulation</li> <li>• draughtproofing</li> <li>• cavity wall insulation</li> <li>• hot water tank insulation</li> <li>• gas, electric, liquid petroleum gas or oil heating</li> <li>• glass-fronted fire - the Warm Front scheme can convert your solid-fuel open fire to a glass-fronted fire</li> </ul>	<p>The scheme is now targeted at people on certain income-related benefits and living in properties that are poorly insulated and/or do not have a working central heating system. You must own your home or rent it from a private landlord. The Warm Front scheme is only available in England.</p> <p>If you get a disability or income-related benefit, you may be able to get a government Warm Front Grant. This is to help pay for heating and insulation improvements to your home. The grant can be up to £3,500 (or up to £6,000 in some cases).</p> <p><b>For full details of eligibility, please see following link:</b> <a href="#">Heating and insulation improvements from the Warm Front scheme Directgov - Environment and greener living.htm</a></p> <p>Northern Ireland – <a href="http://www.warm-homes.com">www.warm-homes.com</a>  Wales - <a href="http://nestwales.org.uk/">http://nestwales.org.uk/</a>  Scotland - <a href="http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/">http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/</a></p> <p>To find out what other grants are available in your area, please see <a href="http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/">http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/</a></p>	<p>You can apply for a Warm Front grant by:</p> <p><b>Over the phone:</b> 0800 316 2805 (or textphone 0800 072 0156). An advisor will then take you through the application form. Lines are open Monday to Friday 8.00 am to 6.00 pm and Saturday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm</p> <p><b>Online:</b> <a href="#">eaga - Your Grant Application.htm</a></p> <p><b>By post</b> – download application form <a href="#">Warm Front application form.pdf</a> and post to:</p> <p>Carillion Energy Services  Freepost NEA12054  Newcastle upon Tyne  NE2 1BR</p>




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	<p><b><u>Disabled Facilities Grants</u></b></p> <p>A Disabled Facilities Grant is a local council grant. It helps towards the cost of adapting your home to enable you to continue to live there. A grant is paid when the council considers that changes are necessary to meet your needs, and that the work is reasonable and practical.</p> <p>A grant can be used to give you better freedom of movement into and around your home and/or to provide essential facilities within it.</p> <p>If you are disabled, acceptable types of work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• widening doors and installing ramps</li> <li>• providing or improving access to rooms and facilities - for example, by installing a stair lift or providing a downstairs bathroom</li> <li>• improving or providing a heating system which is suitable for your needs</li> <li>• adapting heating or lighting controls to make them easier to use</li> <li>• improving access to and movement around the home to enable you to care for another person who lives in the property, such as a child</li> </ul>	<p>You can claim if you, or someone living in your property, is disabled and:</p> <p>you, or the person on whose behalf you are applying, are either the owner or tenant (including licensees) of the property</p> <p>you can certify that you, or the person on whose behalf you are applying, intend to occupy the property as your/their only or main residence throughout the grant period - currently five years</p> <p>A landlord may apply on behalf of a disabled tenant.</p> <p>An occupational therapist will look at your circumstances and can recommend the type of adaptation(s) needed.</p> <p>For further information please see:  <a href="http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/YourHomeAndHousingOptions/YourHome/DG_4000642">http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/YourHomeAndHousingOptions/YourHome/DG_4000642</a></p> <p>NB: Disabled Facilities Grants are available in England, Wales and Northern Ireland only. Scottish residents should contact the social services department of their local council for information on any grants that may be available.</p> <p>Wales:  <a href="http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/grants/dfgs/?lang=en">http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/grants/dfgs/?lang=en</a></p> <p>N. Ireland :  <a href="http://www.nihe.gov.uk/index/hig_home/grants_available/disabled_facilities_grant">http://www.nihe.gov.uk/index/hig_home/grants_available/disabled_facilities_grant</a></p>	<p>How to apply:  <a href="http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/YourHomeAndHousingOptions/YourHome/DG_10018283">http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/YourHomeAndHousingOptions/YourHome/DG_10018283</a></p> <p>To make or enquire about an application, please contact your local council.</p> <p>For general policy enquiries about Disabled Facilities Grants you can contact the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG):</p> <p>Telephone: 0303 444 0000</p> <p>Email:  <a href="mailto:disabled.facilitiesgrants@communities.gsi.gov.uk">disabled.facilitiesgrants@communities.gsi.gov.uk</a></p> <p>You can also find out more about Disabled Facilities Grants on the DCLG website:</p> <p><a href="#">Disabled Facilities Grant - Department for Communities and Local Government website</a></p>

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<p data-bbox="91 264 497 384"><b>Direct payments for carers - arranging help and services</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="524 264 1046 767">Direct payments can be used to buy services from an organisation or to employ somebody to provide assistance. As a carer, you can use a direct payment to purchase the services you are assessed as needing to support you in your caring role. This includes support that may help maintain your health and well-being. For example, driving lessons or a holiday so you can have time to yourself. If you are assessed as needing domestic help, you may ask for a direct payment and buy the support services you need.</p> <p data-bbox="524 839 981 900"><b>What direct payments cannot be used for</b></p> <p data-bbox="524 922 1032 1082">You cannot use direct payments to buy services for the person you care for. They can only be spent on getting the support you, as a carer, have been assessed as needing.</p> <p data-bbox="524 1091 1039 1321">You also cannot use direct payments to secure a service from your spouse or civil partner, close relatives or anyone who lives in the same household as you, unless that person is someone who you have specifically recruited to be a live-in employee.</p>	<p data-bbox="1072 316 1205 344"><b>Eligibility</b></p> <p data-bbox="1072 363 1585 392"><b>If you already receive social services</b></p> <p data-bbox="1072 399 1682 564">Your local council has to offer you the option of direct payments in place of the services you currently receive. Under some circumstances you cannot get direct payments. Your council will be able to tell you about these.</p> <p data-bbox="1072 574 1592 603"><b>If you're not receiving social services</b></p> <p data-bbox="1072 609 1682 702">To get direct payments you will need to contact your local council to ask them to assess your needs.</p> <p data-bbox="1072 711 1576 740"><b>Direct payments for disabled people</b></p> <p data-bbox="1072 746 1682 839">Direct payments are also available for disabled people who have been assessed as needing help from social services.</p> <p data-bbox="1072 849 1693 979">If you have parental responsibility for a disabled child, direct payments that can be used for a variety of services for your child can be made to you.</p> <p data-bbox="1072 1050 1393 1078"><b>How much you can get</b></p> <p data-bbox="1072 1098 1666 1264">The amount you receive will depend on the assessment your local council makes of your needs. Direct payments are made directly into your bank, building society, Post Office or National Savings account.</p>	<p data-bbox="1805 293 2123 354"><b>How to apply for direct payments locally</b></p> <p data-bbox="1738 376 2190 638">If you already get services from your local council, ask about direct payments. If you are applying for services for the first time, your local council social services department should discuss the direct payments option with you when they assess your needs.</p> <p data-bbox="1738 647 2190 810">The following link will let you enter details of where you live and then take you to your local authority website where you can find out more and/or apply online.</p> <p data-bbox="1738 820 2190 944"><a href="http://local.direct.gov.uk/LDGRedirect/index.jsp?LGSL=287&amp;LGIL=0&amp;Samp:erviceName=Apply+for+direct+payments">http://local.direct.gov.uk/LDGRedirect/index.jsp?LGSL=287&amp;LGIL=0&amp;Samp:erviceName=Apply+for+direct+payments</a></p> <p data-bbox="1765 986 2163 1046"><a href="#">Direct Payments - Guide - Feb 2012.pdf</a></p>

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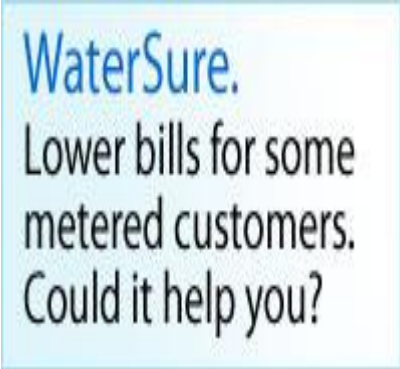
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Free school lunches</u></b></p> <p>Your child could qualify for free lunches or milk, or be given free fruit and vegetables at school. Local authorities must provide free lunches for eligible pupils, paid-for meals where requested and good facilities and supervision so pupils can eat safely.</p>	<p>Parents do not have to pay for school lunches if they receive any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income Support</li> <li>• income-based Jobseeker's Allowance</li> <li>• income-related Employment and Support Allowance</li> <li>• support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999</li> <li>• the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit</li> <li>• Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue &amp; Customs) that does not exceed £16,190</li> <li>• Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit</li> <li>• Children who receive any of the qualifying benefits listed above in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals. All pupils who do not qualify for free school lunches must be charged the same amount for the same quantity of the same item.</li> </ul>	<p style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px;"><b>Apply for free school lunches</b></p> <p>The local authority that maintains the school that your child attends is responsible for providing free school lunches. You can apply for free school lunches by following the link below and entering the details of where your child goes to school. You will be taken to the local authority website where you can find out more and/or apply online.</p> <p><a href="http://local.direct.gov.uk/LDGRedirect/index.jsp?LGSL=4&amp;LGIL=0&amp;ServiceName=Apply for free school meals">http://local.direct.gov.uk/LDGRedirect/index.jsp?LGSL=4&amp;LGIL=0&amp;ServiceName=Apply for free school meals</a></p>











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<p><b>The British Gas</b> <i>energy trust</i></p>	<p>The Trust contributes to the relief of poverty, with a particular focus on fuel poverty and helping those who are struggling to pay for their consumption of gas and electricity.</p> <p>The Trust helps by giving grants to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear gas and electricity debts.</li> <li>• Clear other priority household debts or purchase essential household items. These payments are known as Further Assistance Payments (FAPs).</li> </ul> <p>The aim of the Trust is to give vulnerable individuals and families a fresh start and enable them to remain debt free.</p> <p>In addition, the Trust operates an Organisational Grant Programme offering grants to charitable advice agencies to increase money advice / fuel debt prevention services available in communities, including the practical support of applying to the British Gas Energy Trust, if appropriate.</p>	<p>You can apply to the Trust if you are in need, hardship or other distress, and particularly if you are unable to meet or pay charges for your supply of domestic gas or electricity services</p> <p>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Only an account holder (the person(s) named on the bill) can apply for help with gas, electricity, water or sewerage debts. If the account holder is unable to make the application for a grant, please explain why someone else is doing it on his or her behalf.</p> <p>The account holder <b>must</b> still sign the form.</p> <p><a href="http://www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/downloads/user-downloads/BGET_App_Form_05-11.pdf">http://www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/downloads/user-downloads/BGET_App_Form_05-11.pdf</a></p>	<p><b>British Gas Energy Trust</b> PO Box 42 Peterborough PE3 8XH</p> <p>Tel: 01733 421060 Fax: 01733 421020</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:bget@charisgrants.com">bget@charisgrants.com</a></p> <p>Application process: <a href="http://www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/application-process">http://www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/application-process</a></p> <p>Online application form : <a href="https://bget.app.charisgrants.com/home/index">https://bget.app.charisgrants.com/home/index</a></p>


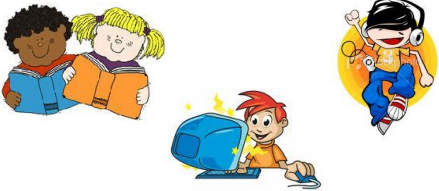

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	<p>The WaterSure scheme is available for certain customers with a water meter. It allows them to have their bills capped. This is to make sure that these customers don't cut back on how much water they use because they are worried about how they will pay their bill.</p> <p>If you qualify for WaterSure, you will pay no more than the <a href="#">average household bill for your company</a>, even if you use more than the average amount of water.</p> <p>NB: You will not qualify for WaterSure if you use a garden sprinkler system or have a swimming pool.</p>	<p>To qualify for help under the WaterSure scheme, you or someone living with you, needs be entitled to receive one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• council tax benefit</li> <li>• housing benefit</li> <li>• Income Support</li> <li>• income-based Jobseeker's Allowance</li> <li>• Working Tax Credit</li> <li>• Child Tax Credit (except families in receipt of the family element only)</li> <li>• Pension Credit</li> <li>• Income-related Employment and Support Allowance</li> </ul> <p>In addition, you need to either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be responsible for 3 or more children under the age of 19 and in full-time education living in the property, <b>or</b></li> <li>• have (or someone living in the property must have) a medical condition which requires significant additional use of water. Examples of medical conditions include weeping skin diseases (such as psoriasis), Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis.</li> </ul>	<p>If you think you are eligible for WaterSure, you will need to apply through your water company – please see below link:  <a href="http://www.ofwat.gov.uk/consumerissues/watercompanies/map/">http://www.ofwat.gov.uk/consumerissues/watercompanies/map/</a></p>



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	<p><a href="#">Merlin's Magic Wand</a> is a worldwide charity for children, aiming to provide magical experiences for those who are seriously ill, disabled or disadvantaged.</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>and many more!!!</b></p>	<p>We welcome applications on behalf of seriously ill, disabled or disadvantaged children (aged 18 or under) who may benefit from an award. These applications can be made by EITHER parents/guardians of these children OR organisations which work with these children (where the prime purpose of the organisation is not already aimed at providing days out or experiences.)</p> <p>Children are eligible for one trip per calendar year. If your child has received a trip through Merlin's Magic Wand via an organisation/group or charity then unfortunately they would not be eligible for free tickets in the same year.</p> <p>If you are eligible then see the <a href="#">how to apply page</a> and complete one of our official application forms.</p>	<p>If eligible, applications need to be submitted online</p> <p><a href="http://www.merlinsmagicwand.org/how_to_apply/how_to_apply.asp?css=1">http://www.merlinsmagicwand.org/how_to_apply/how_to_apply.asp?css=1</a></p> <p>Please see the FAQs page <a href="http://www.merlinsmagicwand.org/about_our_charity/faqs.asp#assessment_length">http://www.merlinsmagicwand.org/about_our_charity/faqs.asp#assessment_length</a></p> <p><i>NB: It is not an objective of the charity to help other charities or organisations to raise money and so applications for tickets to be used for raffles, auctions or other fundraising, or for cash grants to other charities or organisations will not be considered.</i></p>
	<p>We are the UK's largest provider of grants to low-income families raising disabled and seriously ill children and young people. We help ease the additional pressures families face. We can help with essential items such as washing machines, fridges and clothing but can also consider grants for sensory toys, computers and much needed family breaks together</p>	<p>You can apply to the Family Fund if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You live in UK</li> <li>• You are the parent or carer of a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under.</li> <li>• You have evidence of your entitlement to one the following: Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Income based Job Seekers Allowance, Income Support, Incapacity Benefit*, Employment Support Allowance*, Housing Benefit and Pension Credit. If you do not receive any of the above, further information may be needed to complete your application.</li> </ul>	<p>4 Alpha Court Monks Cross Drive York YO32 9WN</p> <p>Email <a href="mailto:info@familyfund.org.uk">info@familyfund.org.uk</a> Tel 08449 744 099 Textphone 01904 658085 Fax 01904 652625</p> <p><a href="http://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants">http://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants</a></p>

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 <p><b>the cinema exhibitors' association limited</b></p>	<p>This is a national card that can be used to verify that the holder is entitled to one free ticket for a person accompanying them to the cinema.</p> <p>The card is valid for 1 year from the date of issue</p>	<p>To apply for the card you will need submit proof to show that you meet one or more of the following criteria:</p> <p>a) Be in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance. b) Be a registered blind person.</p> <p>You will also need to supply a passport-sized photo with your application to appear on the card.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ceacard.co.uk/">http://www.ceacard.co.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.ceacard.co.uk/download/s.htm">http://www.ceacard.co.uk/download/s.htm</a></p> <p>NB: A processing fee of £5.50 is chargeable per card. This is to be sent along with the completed application.</p>
<p><b>Your local library</b></p> 	<p>Many councils run a scheme which allows under 18's who have a learning disability or visual impairment to borrow 2 DVDs/Music CDs, computer games or audio books free of charge from your local library</p>	<p>To receive your card you just need to take in one piece of evidence of your child's disability – i.e. DLA letter, yellow disability card or their Gateway card in to the library with 1 form of ID with your address. They will issue the card there and then and you can use it that day.</p>	<p>To check what services your local library offer, please use the following link:</p> <p><a href="http://local.direct.gov.uk/LDGRedirect/index.jsp?LGSL=437&amp;LGIL=8&amp;ServiceName=Find">http://local.direct.gov.uk/LDGRedirect/index.jsp?LGSL=437&amp;LGIL=8&amp;ServiceName=Find</a></p>
<p><b>Bus pass</b></p> 	<p>Eligible disabled people are entitled to free off-peak travel on local buses anywhere in *England. You can use it anywhere in England during 'off-peak' times. Off-peak is between 9.30 am and 11.00 pm Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on public holidays</p> <p>*For the UK, please refer to <a href="#">Free bus travel in England for older and disabled people Directgov - Travel and transport files</a></p>	<p>You're eligible for a disabled person's pass if you live in England and are 'eligible disabled'. This means you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are blind or partially sighted</li> <li>• are profoundly or severely deaf</li> <li>• are without speech</li> <li>• have a disability, or have suffered an injury, which has a substantial and long-term effect on your ability to walk</li> <li>• don't have arms or have long-term loss of the use of both arms</li> <li>• have a learning disability</li> </ul>	<p>For application information, please refer to the following link:</p> <p><a href="#">Free bus travel in England for older and disabled people Directgov - Travel and transport files</a></p>

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	<p><b>Who we are</b> We are a national children's charity dedicated to providing holidays, residential trips, days out and theatre trips for disadvantaged young people with special needs.</p> <p><b>We fund:</b> Holidays for young people and their families, Residential trips for groups of children and young people, Days out for groups to hundreds of venues throughout the UK, including the seaside, zoos, theme parks, safari parks &amp; fun fairs</p>	<p>Your child or children should be between the ages of 3-17 and have special needs. The family – excluding DLA – should be less than £25K.</p> <p>We will accept an application for a family holiday from parents, guardians, grandparents, or siblings. We will also accept applications from GPs, consultants, nurses or social workers.</p>	<p>Happy Days Children's Charity Clody House 90-100 Collingdon Street Luton Bedfordshire LU1 1RX</p> <p>For general enquiries, telephone: <b>01582 755999</b> or e-mail us at <a href="mailto:enquiries@happydayscharity.org">enquiries@happydayscharity.org</a>.</p>
	<p>Caudwell Children is a UK children's charity, with an ambitious and innovative development programme in order to change the lives of disabled children and their families.</p> <p>Caudwell Children is passionate about improving the health of children and ensuring every family has access to the equipment, services and treatments they require. We recognise that childhood is a critical and vulnerable stage when health inequalities can have effects that last throughout life.</p>	<p>To qualify, the following <b>3</b> criteria <b>must</b> apply to the child you are applying on behalf of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aged 18 or under?</li> <li>• Living in the UK?</li> <li>• Is the household income/salary (not including benefits) under £45,000 gross per annum?</li> </ul> <p><b>Caudwell Children provides:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">specialist equipment</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Therapy Programmes</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">specialist treatments</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">UK Autism Initiative</a></li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.caudwellchildren.com/">http://www.caudwellchildren.com/</a></p> <p><a href="#">Caudwell Children - family support download leaflet.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Telephone:</b> 0845 300 1348 <a href="mailto:charity@caudwellchildren.com">charity@caudwellchildren.com</a></p> <p><b>Address:</b> Minton Hollins, Shelton Old Road, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST4 7RY</p> <p>Download an application form: <a href="#">Caudwell Children Application Form.pdf</a></p>




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	<p>3H Fund is a charity that makes it possible for disabled people, children and adults, to have memorable and fulfilling holidays. Thanks to valued and continuous contributions from grant giving trusts, the business community and individuals, we are able to subsidise a range of group holidays for physically disabled people accompanied by volunteer carers.</p> <p>Depending upon incoming funds, 3H Fund has a grant programme to assist disabled people (whether physically or mentally disabled) their families and carers, on low income, to organise a modest holiday for themselves. <b>Grants are given for the accommodation part of a holiday and the holiday must be taken in the UK.</b></p> <p>The programme is open to applicants throughout the UK although some funding donated to 3H Fund has to be spent in specific regions. Applicants are asked to complete an application form and submit it with evidence of disability and low income.</p>	<p>3H Fund provides grants to disabled people and their families on low income, to assist them in organising a modest holiday for themselves in the UK.</p> <p>Grant criteria: The holiday must be taken in the UK and you organise your own break to meet your needs. We pay the holiday company directly. Applicants should bear in mind that grants are for an individual or family group, not per person, and are usually in the region of £150 - £350 per award (the lower end of the range for an individual). We require recent evidence of low income and disability. We <b>DO NOT</b> accept DLA for either form of evidence.</p> <p>The programme is open to applicants throughout the UK although some funding donated to 3H Fund has to be spent in specific regions. Applicants are asked to complete an application form and submit it with evidence of disability and low income. Full details are found in the guidance notes which accompany the form.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.3hfund.org.uk/">http://www.3hfund.org.uk/</a></p> <p>3H Fund (Helping Hands for Holidays) B2, Speldhurst Business Park Langton Road Speldhurst Tunbridge Wells Kent TN3 0AQ</p> <p>Office Tel: 01892 860207</p> <p>Grant Programme Tel: 01892 860219</p> <p>email: <a href="mailto:info@3hfund.org.uk">info@3hfund.org.uk</a></p>


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	<p>Through the Foundation, it is possible to extend much needed access to the Footsteps Centre across the United Kingdom. There are thousands of children with neurological disorders across the UK. For many of these children, the NHS is unable to provide the intensity of physiotherapy that is required. The Footsteps Foundation provides patients and their families with the financial assistance to be able to take part in the centre's innovative physiotherapy programme, which would otherwise have been out of reach.</p> <p>The Footsteps Foundation helps disabled children and young people to realise their full physical, cognitive and developmental potential and therefore attain the best quality of life and independence. The Foundation provides funds for the Equipment Bank, to help cover up to 50% of the cost of homecare plan, where recommended by the therapists. The Equipment Bank also assists families with the provision of specialist footwear for patients.</p>	<p>Applications for a grant can only be made following a Footsteps assessment, and acceptance of your child onto the Footsteps programme. One can apply for a grant once your child has a session(s) booked at Footsteps.</p> <p>Applications must be accompanied by proof of: income, tax credits, disability allowance and other benefits; in the form of pay slips (where applicable) and two months' bank statements showing child tax credits, DLA.</p> <p>Applications are considered on an individual basis and family situations are taken into consideration. Please include a covering note with your application if you feel it could help our trustees.</p> <p>Grants will be awarded according to need. Therefore the amount of money awarded will be a percentage of the full costs of therapy, usually 25, 50 or 75%. If your gross household income (not including benefits) exceeds £60,000 it is unlikely that we will be able to help. You can apply for multiple sessions within the same year on one form.</p>	<p><a href="http://footstepscentre.com/">http://footstepscentre.com/</a></p> <p>Download an application form:</p> <p><a href="http://footstepscentre.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Footsteps-Foundation-Grant-Application-Form-2011-pdf.doc.pdf">http://footstepscentre.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Footsteps-Foundation-Grant-Application-Form-2011-pdf.doc.pdf</a></p> <p>Footsteps Limited 4 Queen Street Dorchester-On-Thames Oxon OX10 7HR UK</p> <p>Tel: 01865 340376</p> <p><a href="mailto:info@footstepscentre.com">info@footstepscentre.com</a></p>



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	<p><a href="http://www.theboparancharitabletrust.com/">http://www.theboparancharitabletrust.com/</a></p> <p>The Boparan Charitable Trust believes sometimes it's not about big wishes and magical moments; it's about the little things that make your world turn around. Little things that can make a big difference...</p> <p>The Boparan Charitable Trust is a newly formed charity with the objective of helping as many children and young people under the age of 18, who are disadvantaged through poverty, disability and terminal illness.</p>	<p>In addition to the application pack, The Boparan Charitable Trust also requires three financial quotes and a written letter of support from an independent professional body, such as a doctor or social worker. Each letter must be on official letter-headed paper and provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Their association to the child</li> <li>• Confirmation of the child's situation (medical or living conditions)</li> <li>• Confirmation of the request and why they support that particular request</li> <li>• Confirmation that the request will not harm the child</li> </ul> <p>From time to time we may contact the applicant for more information if and when necessary. Once we have received all the information we require, your application will be put before the Trustees. The Trustees use their funding criteria to select applications they are able to help. The family is then contacted either in writing, by phone or personal visit. Steps are then taken to fulfil the request</p> <p><a href="http://www.theboparancharitabletrust.com/wp-content/uploads/The-Boparan-Charitable-Trust-application-pack.pdf">http://www.theboparancharitabletrust.com/wp-content/uploads/The-Boparan-Charitable-Trust-application-pack.pdf</a></p>	<p>Email: info@theboparancharitabletrust.com</p> <p>Tel: 0845 078 6634</p> <p>9 Colmore Court Colmore Row Birmingham B3 2BJ</p>

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	<p><a href="http://www.newlifecharity.co.uk/">http://www.newlifecharity.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Newlife provides grants for essential equipment such as: pain relieving beds, wheelchairs, communication aids, and much more. Newlife has funded over £6 million pounds worth of equipment grants helping children across the UK, making a real difference to the lives of children and their families.</p>	<p>Please see application form:</p> <p><a href="http://www.newlifecharity.co.uk/docs11/publications_pdf/grant_application_form.pdf">http://www.newlifecharity.co.uk/docs11/publications_pdf/grant_application_form.pdf</a></p>	<p>Newlife Centre Hemlock Way Cannock Staffordshire WS11 7GF</p> <p>Mon-Fri 9.30am - 5.00pm</p> <p>Tel: 01543 462 777</p>
<p><b>The Nihal Armstrong Trust</b></p> <p><i>The Nihal Armstrong Trust</i></p> <p><b>Cerebral Palsy</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.nihalarmstrongtrust.org.uk/">http://www.nihalarmstrongtrust.org.uk/</a></p> <p>We are a small charity set up in memory of Nihal Armstrong, who died aged 17, on the eve of his GCSE exams. Nihal had cerebral palsy.</p> <p>We provide children with essential pieces of equipment, communication aids or specific services that their local authority does not provide.</p>	<p>Do you have a child (up to and including the age of 18) with cerebral palsy?</p> <p>Is there a piece of equipment, communication aid or a particular service that you think will benefit your child and which your local authority will not fund?</p> <p>Are you on means tested benefits?</p> <p>Does it cost less than £1000?</p> <p>Can you find a professional to back up your claim?</p> <p>If your answer to all these questions is yes, then we may be able to help.</p>	<p>For applications please click <a href="http://www.nihalarmstrongtrust.org.uk/apply.html">http://www.nihalarmstrongtrust.org.uk/apply.html</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:info@nihalarmstrongtrust.org.uk">info@nihalarmstrongtrust.org.uk</a></p> <p>111 Chatsworth Road London NW2 4BH</p> <p>Tel: 020 8459 6527</p>

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<p><b>Birkdale Trust for Hearing Impaired Ltd</b></p> 	<p><a href="http://www.grantsforthe deaf.co.uk/">http://www.grantsforthe deaf.co.uk/</a></p> <p>This charity exists to provide financial grants to children and young people who have a hearing impairment and to organisations who provide help to such people</p> <p>The Charity makes grants to young people in the UK to help them in a variety of ways and to organisations linked to deaf children.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered as hearing impaired</li> </ul> <p>The charity is always looking to receive new applications and whilst we cannot of course guarantee that all applications will be approved, as there are guidelines set down by the Charity Commission, every application will be considered carefully.</p> <p>Application form download:  <a href="http://www.grantsforthe deaf.co.uk/resources/individual_application_form.pdf">http://www.grantsforthe deaf.co.uk/resources/individual_application_form.pdf</a></p>	<p>No contact information other than a postal address to send your completed application to:</p> <p>The Secretary BTHI,  11 Silverthorne Drive, Southport, - PR9 9PF</p>
	<p>We are a UK national children's charity established in 1961. Originally known as The Handicapped Children's Aid Committee, our working name has now changed to Lifeline 4 Kids.</p> <p>For the individual child we provide the full spectrum of specialised equipment such as electric wheelchairs, mobility aids and varying items including specialised computers. We are also one of the only UK charities prepared to help a special needs child from a low-income family with essential items</p>	<p>OUR GUIDELINES:  WE ARE UNABLE TO SEND AN APPLICATION FORM WITHOUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:</p> <p>Applications for help for an individual child should indicate specific requirements and cost, brief factual information including the child's name, date of birth and health condition and family name, address and contact telephone number. This should initially be made by email or post.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.lifeline4kids.org/">http://www.lifeline4kids.org/</a></p> <p>215 West End Lane  West Hampstead  London  NW6 1XJ  United Kingdom</p> <p>Tel: 020 7794 1661</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:appeals@lifeline4kids.org">appeals@lifeline4kids.org</a></p>



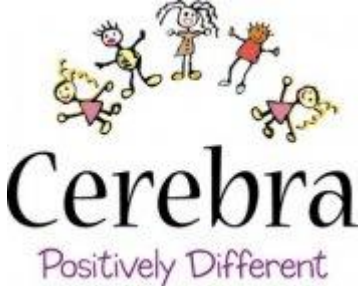
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 <p><b>North East and Scottish Borders</b></p>	<p>Smile For Life is a charity dedicated to enhancing and enriching the lives of children</p> <p>Our mission is to assist children who are unable to get all the funding they require from the larger national charities and other organisations.</p>	<p>Smile For Life is a registered charity with an open door policy where any genuine case is considered for our support. We are passionate about our grants reaching those with genuine needs. Whether funding a specific piece of equipment, supporting special activities and events, or assisting a child to realise their dream, Smile For Life is committed to ensuring funds are utilised to benefit the children and their families.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.smileforlife.org.uk/default.aspx">http://www.smileforlife.org.uk/default.aspx</a></p> <p>27 Ashburton Road, Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 4XN</p> <p>Tel: 0191 284 4166</p> <p><a href="mailto:info@smileforlife.org.uk">info@smileforlife.org.uk</a></p>
	<p>Whizz-Kidz helps kids be kids. If you're a young disabled person or the parent of a disabled child, this is where you'll find out about our services and how we may be able to help you.</p> <p>Whizz-Kidz can help with a broad range of mobility equipment to give disabled children independence at home, at school and at play.</p> <p>The mobility equipment we provide includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Powered wheelchairs</li> <li>• Manual wheelchairs</li> <li>• Sports wheelchairs</li> <li>• Adapted tricycles and companion cycles</li> <li>• Scooters</li> <li>• Buggies</li> </ul>	<p>If you are a parent of a disabled child (or a therapist or personal assistant) you need to consider the following before applying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is your child aged under 18? (we need to receive your application before their 18th birthday)</li> <li>• Does your child have a permanent condition that affects their mobility?</li> <li>• Have you have approached your local NHS wheelchair service and the mobility equipment your child needs is not available?</li> </ul> <p>Before you apply for mobility equipment from Whizz-Kidz, please take a look at our <a href="#">step by step guide</a> and our <a href="#">frequently asked questions</a></p>	<p><a href="http://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk/">http://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk/</a></p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> floor</p> <p>Portland House</p> <p>Bressenden Place</p> <p>London</p> <p>SW1E 5BH.</p> <p>Tel: 020 7233 6600</p> <p><a href="mailto:info@whizz-kidz.org.uk">info@whizz-kidz.org.uk</a></p>



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	<p><a href="http://www.childrentoday.org.uk/">http://www.childrentoday.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Children Today is the charity that raises funds to provide specialised equipment for children and young people with disabilities throughout the UK. Our aim is to ensure that every disabled child and young person fulfils their potential and leads an active childhood.</p> <p>We believe the provision of specialised equipment has a direct and immediate impact on a child's quality of life and independence, and is vital in helping them to overcome obstacles and achieve their potential. Equipment can include wheelchairs, walking frames, tricycles and other mobility aids, as well as communication aids, multi-sensory equipment and other information technology.</p> <p>Each piece of equipment is gifted to the child concerned, it is not a loan, and it is owned by the child, not their parents or guardians. Our children love that, and they are very proud of their new independence and abilities. We provide ongoing support and the children can come back for further funding as their needs develop.</p>	<p>Call us on 01244 335622 to discuss your needs and request an application form.</p>	<p>The Moorings Rowton Bridge Christleton Chester CH3 7AE</p> <p>Tel: 01244 335622 Fax: 01244 335473 Email: <a href="mailto:info@childrentoday.org.uk">info@childrentoday.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>How to Apply</b> Call us to discuss your needs and request an application form.</p> <p>Once you have received the form, you will be requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain a reference from someone who works with your child in a professional capacity (occupational therapist, teacher, social worker, doctor, etc)</li> <li>• Provide a pro forma invoice or quotation from the supplier of the equipment</li> <li>• Provide some basic financial information</li> </ul> <p>Simply return the application form along with the supporting information to Children Today.</p>


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	<p><a href="http://www.cerebra.org.uk">http://www.cerebra.org.uk</a></p> <p>Cerebra is a unique charity set up to help improve the lives of children with brain related conditions through research, education and directly supporting the children and their carers.</p> <p>We try and help with as many different types of item as possible. If it will directly benefit your child and shouldn't be provided by someone else (NHS, Social Services, LEA) then we will consider it.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is your child 16 or under?</li> <li>• Does your child have a neurodevelopmental condition? (For more details on the conditions we cover please read <a href="#">Who We Help.</a>)</li> <li>• Will the item you'd like to apply for improve your child's quality of life?</li> </ul> <p>If you can answer yes to all these questions and the item you want to apply for shouldn't be provided by a statutory body like the NHS, LEA or social services you can certainly apply to us for help.</p> <p><b>What can I apply for:</b>  <a href="http://www.cerebra.org.uk/English/gethelp/grants/Pages/whatcanIapplyfor.aspx">http://www.cerebra.org.uk/English/gethelp/grants/Pages/whatcanIapplyfor.aspx</a></p> <p>NB: If the item or service that you're thinking of applying for isn't on the list, it doesn't necessarily mean that we won't fund it. If you're still unsure if we can help after reading the lists you can call us on 0800 328 1159 or email.</p>	<p>Cerebra  2nd Floor Offices  The Lyric Buildings  King Street  Carmarthen  SA31 1BD</p> <p>Telephone: 0800 328 1159</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:grants@cerebra.org.uk">grants@cerebra.org.uk</a></p> <p>To get an application form call us on 0800 328 1159 and we will send you out a form or download:  <a href="http://www.cerebra.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Application%20Forms/grant_application_jan2012.pdf">http://www.cerebra.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Application%20Forms/grant_application_jan2012.pdf</a></p> <p>What can I apply for:  <a href="http://www.cerebra.org.uk/English/gethelp/grants/Pages/whatcanIapplyfor.aspx">http://www.cerebra.org.uk/English/gethelp/grants/Pages/whatcanIapplyfor.aspx</a></p>

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	<p><a href="http://www.childrenshopefoundation.org.uk">http://www.childrenshopefoundation.org.uk</a></p> <p>Children's Hope Foundation is a young growing charity whose aim is to improve the quality of life for children and young people affected by illness, disability or poverty by meeting, within our power, their social and medical needs.</p> <p>With recommendations from, family members, medical facilities, community-based organizations as well as other charities, in the United Kingdom, we will always try respond in a practical way to the needs of the children hardest hit by their situation.</p>	<p><a href="http://office-365.net/chf_old/Childapplication.pdf">http://office-365.net/chf_old/Childapplication.pdf</a></p> <p>No criteria information on website, please call charity direct to discuss further</p>	<p>15 Palmer Place London N7 8DH</p> <p>Tel: 0207 700 6855</p> <p><a href="mailto:info@childrenshopefoundation.com">info@childrenshopefoundation.com</a></p>
	<p>Variety has an illustrious history - the charity has raised over £200 million in the last 60 years, improving the lives of more than a million children and young people.</p> <p>We provide Sunshine Coaches, electric wheelchairs, outings to exciting places, equip children's hospitals and help in many other ways.</p>	<p>Supporting letter from OT or physio</p> <p>General equipment – walkers etc <a href="http://www.varietyclub.org.uk/files/GRANTS%20Application%20Form%20-%20Individual-4.pdf">http://www.varietyclub.org.uk/files/GRANTS%20Application%20Form%20-%20Individual-4.pdf</a></p> <p>Sports wheelchairs, bikes, trikes and buggies <a href="http://www.varietyclub.org.uk/files/Application%20Form%20-%20Jan%202012.doc">http://www.varietyclub.org.uk/files/Application%20Form%20-%20Jan%202012.doc</a></p>	<p><a href="http://www.varietyclub.org.uk/">http://www.varietyclub.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Variety House 93 Bayham Street London NW1 0AG</p> <p>Tel: 020 7428 8100 Email: <a href="mailto:info@variety.org.uk">info@variety.org.uk</a></p>

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<p data-bbox="129 288 515 371"><b>National Key Scheme (RADAR)</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="577 228 1048 767">Many children with disabilities do not have the capacity and/or patience to stand in a queue at public toilets - the he National Key Scheme (NKS), sometimes known as the RADAR Scheme, was developed because some public toilets designed for disabled people had to be locked to prevent damage and misuse resulting in them being locked. The scheme aims to provide disabled key holders with independent access to the toilets provided for them and increase the likelihood of the facilities being in a useable state.</p> <p data-bbox="577 818 1048 1358">When a Council joins the scheme, standard locks are fitted to their accessible toilets and keys are made available to people with disabilities. Over 400 local authorities in all parts of the country have now adopted the scheme. In addition to public conveniences, toilets for disabled people provided by a wide range of other public, voluntary and commercial organisations have been fitted with the NKS lock. So it can now be found in shopping centres, country parks, railway and bus stations etc.</p>	<p data-bbox="1070 767 1709 1003">Radar keys are available at council offices, libraries, some Tourist Information units, and even Ebay! The cost seems to vary from council to council, with some providing free of charge whilst others charge up to £5 per key. Please contact the disability team at your local council offices for more information.</p>	<p data-bbox="1731 799 2190 895"><a href="http://www.radar.org.uk/people-living-with-health-conditions-disability/the-national-key-scheme/">http://www.radar.org.uk/people-living-with-health-conditions-disability/the-national-key-scheme/</a></p>




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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Autism Friendly Films (Cinema)</b></p> 	<p>Many children (and adults!) on the spectrum miss out on going to the cinema due to sensory overload, or having to encounter people who simply do not understand ASD.</p> <p>One of the many ways 'Dimensions' support people with ASD is by organising 'autism friendly screenings':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lights will be on low</li> <li>• The volume will be turned down</li> <li>• There will be no trailers at the beginning of the film</li> <li>• You'll be able to take your own food and drinks</li> <li>• You'll be able to move around the cinema if you like**.</li> </ul> <p>Please check out the FAQ's section <a href="http://www.dimensions-uk.org/what-we-do/autism/autism-friendly-films/autism-friendly-films-faqs/">http://www.dimensions-uk.org/what-we-do/autism/autism-friendly-films/autism-friendly-films-faqs/</a></p>	<p>You can buy your ticket at your local cinema on the day of the screening. There have been some instances where Autism Friendly Film Screenings have sold out so if this is a concern, you may wish to book your ticket in advance. If you require a wheelchair space we recommend that you do book your ticket in advance as there are limited wheelchair spaces.</p> <p>Tickets can be booked from the Wednesday before the cinema screening, and you can be notified of when the tickets go on sale by liking us on <u>Facebook</u>, following us on <u>Twitter</u> or signing up for our <u>weekly e-news bulletin</u>.</p>	<p>Tel: 0300 373 3730</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:autismfilms@dimensions-uk.org">autismfilms@dimensions-uk.org</a></p> <p>You can register (free) with Dimensions so that you receive an email to let you know of forthcoming screenings and locations. <a href="http://www.dimensions-uk.org/what-we-do/autism/autism-friendly-films/">http://www.dimensions-uk.org/what-we-do/autism/autism-friendly-films/</a></p>


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<p><b>Minor Ailments Service</b></p> 	<p><b>Common illnesses such as coughs and snuffles affect us all from time to time. If you are suffering from a common illness such as a cold, hayfever, diarrhoea or other minor illness, do you really need to make an appointment to see the doctor?</b></p> <p><b>Help for common illnesses</b></p> <p><u>Some</u> Boots pharmacies offer a Minor Ailments Service. This is an NHS service for people, including children, who don't pay for prescription charges. It means that if your pharmacist thinks you need a medicine to treat your minor illness, and you are eligible, they can supply it free of charge.</p> <p><b>Where is the service available?</b></p> <p>This service is only offered in selected stores in England and Wales where the Primary Care Organisation commissions the service and throughout Boots stores in Scotland, where the service is commissioned nationally. Ask your local Boots pharmacist whether they offer this service in store.</p>	<p>The service is available to customers who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are entitled to free prescriptions.</li> <li>▪ Are registered with a doctor taking part in the Minor Ailments Service.</li> <li>▪ Are suffering from one of these illnesses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Blocked nose</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Cold</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Cold sores</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Conjunctivitis</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Constipation</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Contact dermatitis</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Cough</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Cystitis</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Diarrhoea</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Earache</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Haemorrhoids</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Hayfever</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Headache</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Head lice</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Heartburn</u></li> <li>▪ High temperature</li> <li>▪ <u>Impetigo</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Indigestion</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Insect bites or stings</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Mouth ulcers</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Nappy rash</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Sore throat</u></li> <li>▪ <u>Threadworm</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>IMPORTANT: Illnesses supported within the scheme may differ between locations. Check with your local Boots pharmacist which of the following illnesses the service can support:</p> <p><a href="http://www.boots.com/en/Pharmacy-Health/Prescription-Services/Minor-ailment-service/">http://www.boots.com/en/Pharmacy-Health/Prescription-Services/Minor-ailment-service/</a></p>

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	<p>You can get a 50% reduction on the TV Licence fee if you're blind/severely sight impaired. Your licence will also cover anyone who lives with you.</p> <p>You need a TV Licence if you wish to watch or record television programmes as they're being shown on TV. This includes the use of devices such as a TV, computer, mobile phone, games console, digital box or DVD/VHS recorder.</p> <p>You can also benefit from the blind concession TV Licence. You just need to transfer the licence to the name of the blind person. To do this please <u>fill in the form online</u> and provide the existing TV Licence number at the address. You'll need to print the completed form.</p>	<p>A blind concession TV Licence costs £72.75 for colour and £24.50 for a black and white TV Licence.</p> <p>Please provide us with a photocopy of ONE of these documents, to confirm that you're certified as either blind or severely sight impaired:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the certificate or document issued by or on behalf of your local authority. In Northern Ireland this would be the Health and Social Service Trust. In the Isle of Man it would be the Department of Health and Social Security</li> <li>• A copy of the certificate from your ophthalmologist</li> </ul> <p>NB: People who are partially sighted or sight-impaired do not qualify for a 50% blind concession.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/check-if-you-need-one/for-your-home/blindseverely-sight-impaired-aud5/">http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/check-if-you-need-one/for-your-home/blindseverely-sight-impaired-aud5/</a></p> <p>Apply:  <a href="https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/pay/blind/index.aspx">https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/pay/blind/index.aspx</a></p> <p>Contact:  <a href="https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/contact-us/">https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/contact-us/</a></p>

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	<p>If you have epilepsy and take daily anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs), you are entitled to free prescriptions. This is for all your prescription drugs, not just your AEDs.</p> <p><u>How to get free prescriptions</u></p> <p>Ask for application form FP92A from your doctor's surgery.</p> <p>You need to fill in parts 1 and 2.</p> <p>Your doctor, or a member of the practice staff, will sign to confirm the information you've given is correct.</p> <p>They will then send for an exemption certificate for you.</p> <p><u>Reclaiming prescription costs</u></p> <p>If you don't have your exemption certificate yet, you will have to pay for your prescriptions. You will be able to claim the money back, once your exemption certificate arrives. To do this:</p> <p>You will need to get receipt form FP57 from the pharmacist when you pay for the prescription. There is information on FP57 that tells you how to claim the refund.</p>	<p>Epilepsy diagnosis and prescribed medication</p>	<p>For more information about prescription charges contact NHS Choices Tel: 0845 850 1166, <a href="http://www.nhs.uk">www.nhs.uk</a></p>