



EQUIPMENT GRANT

SERVICE

What is an Equipment Grant?

Newlife understands the challenges families face when trying to get equipment for their child. Our Equipment Grants provide a wide range of equipment including seating, wheelchairs or buggies, beds and communication aids.

Right Equipment – Right Time

Newlife knows that providing the right piece of equipment at the right time can reduce the pain a child with disabilities or a terminal illness has to live with. They can be more involved in family or school life, are physically better prepared for hospital treatments or therapies and less likely to need as much medical support as they would without it. Equipment also has an impact on the physical and mental health of the child's main carer, most often Mum or Dad.

How to apply

Please contact the Nurse Helpline to discuss your child's needs. An application form will need to be submitted and supported by an appropriate professional involved in your child's care who has assessed the need for the equipment and is willing to support.

How long does it take?

This very much depends on each application. If an application is assessed as urgent we will try to fund the equipment as soon as possible. For less urgent applications funding can take up to six months to secure if successful. We may require you to make a 20% contribution towards the overall cost of equipment

Are we eligible?

If the child/young person is under 19 years old, is a permanent resident in the UK and has a significant disability that affects their daily life, including life threatening/limiting or terminal illness.

Ezra's Story

A specialist buggy for five-year-old Ezra means he can now make the most of his life after a new drug halted his progressive and life limiting condition in its tracks.

Ezra, from Kent, was born with Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type 1 and until a few years ago he would have likely died before the age of two as the muscles needed for swallowing and breathing became too weak – but thanks to a new drug the development of his symptoms has been significantly slowed.

Although Ezra can't walk or stand on his own, he has limited use of his arms, so physiotherapy is vital to strengthen his muscles. Having a wheelchair he can self-propel will help develop the strength he needs so he can play with his friends, be independent and build confidence in his own abilities so he has more opportunities to enjoy life in the years to come.

Mum Portia said:

“We want Ezra to really live and make the most of his life. We love the wheelchair – it's brilliant – it's so good for him and will make such a difference!”



Our Services

We recommend calling the Newlife Nurse Helpline on 0800 902 0095 before applying for any of our services:

- **Equipment Application**

Newlife looks to provide essential equipment to meet your child's needs. Each application must be supported by an appropriate professional who must be aware of the application and willing to support.

- **Play Therapy Pods**

Newlife believes every child has a right to play. The therapeutic benefits are proven to support a disabled child's behavioural, cognitive and social development. We offer pods of specialist toys that are suitable from birth up to the child/young person's 19th birthday that are provided on a free 12-week loan.

0800 902 0095

(Free from UK mobiles and landlines)

Lines open Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm

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