

Families face many challenges when trying to get equipment for their children. To help combat this our Equipment Grant service provides a wide range of equipment, including seating, wheelchairs or buggies, walking and standing frames as well as beds and communication aids.

Access to the right equipment at the right time helps children participate in family and school life, be better prepared for medical treatments, and require less medical support. It also positively affects the physical and mental health of their primary caregivers.

## How long does it take?

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



## Ezras Story

Five-year-old Ezra will be able to play with his friends, thanks to a specialist buggy which has transformed his life.

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

While he can't walk or stand independently, Ezra has limited arm mobility and benefits from physiotherapy to strengthen his muscles. His new wheelchair allows him to self-propel, meaning he can be more independent and make the most of opportunities to enjoy life in the years to come.



**We want Ezra to 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!**



- Name and title from quote



## Check if you are 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, Newlife can help.

## How to apply:

Please contact the Nurse Helpline to discuss your child's needs.

An application form must be submitted and include supporting documentation from an appropriate professional involved in your child's care who has assessed the need for the equipment and is willing to support it.

If you require any support with the pre application and application process, please contact the Nurse Helpline.

You can download the application form from our website or digitally complete and submit the form online



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