

Signposting to Alternative Organisations

Please contact the organisations directly for their up-to-date information.

Funding Charities

There are alternative charities that consider funding and may have different criteria, processes, and timeframes ([Click here for Newlife's FAQs](#)). These charities may accept a wider or different range of professionals to support applications.

- [AFK](#)
 - [Boparan Charitable Trust](#)
 - [Buttercup Children's Trust](#)
 - [Cash for Kids](#)
 - [Caudwell Children](#)
 - [Children Today](#)
 - [Cracker Jacks](#)
 - [Dreams Come True](#)
 - [Elifar Foundation](#)
 - [Family Fund](#)
 - [Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust](#)
 - [Hospital Saturday Fund](#)
 - [Independence at Home](#)
 - [Make-A-Wish](#)
 - [Make Them Smile](#)
 - [Promise Dreams](#)
 - [React](#)
 - [Sunny Days Fund](#)
 - [Variety the Children's Charity](#)
 - [When You Wish Upon a Star](#)
 - Local [Lions](#), [Rotary](#) and [Round Table](#) clubs
 - You can search for other charities on [Disability Grants](#) and [Turn2Us](#)
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Hiring Equipment

There are organisations where equipment can be hired, but this will be subject to fees.

To ensure the equipment is appropriate, the specifications should be discussed with a relevant professional, such as an occupational therapist, physiotherapist, or nurse.

Some town centres and attractions, such as shopping centres, beaches, theme parks, and zoos, may hire out buggies, scooters and wheelchairs.

Families going on holiday and needing equipment for a short period can check with the destination's tourist board for local hire information.

- [Better Mobility](#)
 - [Chunc](#)
 - [Disability Resource Centre](#)
 - [In Car Safety Centre](#)
 - [Independence Mobility](#)
 - [Kihto](#)
 - [Lighthouse Project](#)
 - [Little Hiccups](#)
 - [Manage at Home](#)
 - [Maxi Cosi Happy Hips Service](#)
 - [Mobility Equipment Hire Direct](#)
 - [Mobility Hire](#)
 - [National Mobility Hire](#)
 - [Red Cross](#)
 - [Safespaces](#)
 - [Tiny Explorers](#)
 - [Wenman Healthcare](#)
 - [Wheel Freedom](#)
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Donating Equipment

Newlife is unable to accept donations of equipment, but we thank families and professionals for their kind offers.

If the equipment was provided via a Newlife Equipment Grant (*not via an Emergency Equipment Loan, which must be returned*), the family is welcome to pass it on to another family or organisation in need.

If the equipment was provided by any other organisation (such as the NHS, local authority, or charity), please speak to them first before it is passed on.

If there are any uncertainties, we ask families and professionals to contact our helpline to check if Newlife provided the equipment via an Equipment Grant or an Emergency Equipment Loan.

Call [0800 902 0095](tel:08009020095) or email nurse@newlifecharity.co.uk.

Organisations who do accept donations of equipment may not be local, but they *may* consider special arrangements for it to be collected or dropped off.

- [Belief in Action](#)
- [Camp Jojo](#)
- [Disability Resource Centre](#)
- [Freedom Powerchairs](#)
- [Grace Cares](#)
- [Independence Mobility](#)
- [International Aid Trust](#)
- [Jacob's Well Appeal](#)
- [Lighthouse Project](#)
- [Limbcare](#)
- [MAD-Aid](#)
- [Medigive](#)
- [Mid Devon Mobility](#)
- [New Forest Disability](#)
- [PhysioNet](#)
- [Red Cross](#)
- [Second Step Mobility](#)
- [Skiggle](#)
- [Stairlift and Mobility Recycling](#)
- [The Nigel Prosser Foundation](#)
- [Ukraine Relief](#)
- [Vocal, Treasure Tree](#)
- [Warrington Disability Partnership](#)
- [Wheels to Heal](#)
- [Yorkshire Aid Convoy](#)
- [Together for Short Lives - search for a service](#) (children's hospices and palliative services)
- Special needs nurseries or schools
- Large charity shops
- Professionals may accept the equipment into their stores
- [Which? - What should I do with my old child car seat?](#)

Selling Equipment

If the family or professionals decide to sell equipment, please keep in mind that fraudsters may take any opportunity to scam people. Remember there is no obligation to accept an offer if you are unsure.

Trusted organisations provide guidance on how to stay safe

- [Action Fraud - Individual Protection](#)
- [National Cyber Security Centre](#)
- [Stop! Think Fraud Campaign](#)
- [Which? - How to Sell Second Hand](#)

Websites dedicated to the buying and selling of used disability equipment

- [Disability Equipment Service](#)
- [Skiggle](#)

Accessing the Community, Activities, and Days Out

There are organisations that provide a wide range of ideas, helpful tools, and information to support families in safely accessing the community and in planning activities or fun days out. In addition, many shops now provide quiet hours designed for people with disabilities.

Activities and Tourism

- [AccessAble](#)
- [Accessible Great Days Out UK](#)
- [National Autistic Society - Families: Ideas for Days Out](#)
- [National Trust - 50 things to do before you're 11¾](#) and [safety information](#)
- [Scope - Activities and days out for disabled children](#)
- [Sense - How to play with your disabled child](#)
- [Sense - Leisure activities and days out for disabled people](#)
- [Tourism for All](#)
- [Visit Britain - Accessible Britain](#)

Accessibility tools

- [Access Card](#)
- [Bladder & Bowel Community](#) and [Bladder & Bowel UK](#) (toilet cards)
- [Carers Card UK](#) and [Disability Identification Card](#) (other ID cards are available)
- [CEA Cinema Card](#)
- [Changing Places Toilets](#) and [Toilet Map](#)
- [Hidden Disabilities Sunflower](#)
- [PetrolPrices](#) (local fuel prices) and [Transport support services for disabled \(GOV.UK\)](#)
- [Radar Key / The National Key Scheme](#)

Road Safety

- [Beyond Autism - Teaching safety skills](#)
- [National Autistic Society - Road safety: a guide for parents and carers](#)
- [ROSPA - Teaching road safety skills to children with additional needs](#)

General Car Seat Information

- [Child Car Seats / ROSPA - Choosing child car seats](#)
- [RIDC - Car seats and harnesses for disabled children](#)
- [Which? - Child car seat help and advice](#)

These organisations are the main car seat suppliers that Newlife use ([Click here for Newlife's FAQs](#))

- [In Car Safety Centre](#) (telephone, and onsite appointments at Belfast, Rayleigh, and Towcester)
- [Windmill Special Needs](#) (mobile appointments at home or school)

These organisations have their own onsite occupational therapists who assess car seats and support applications, but *may* suggest equipment that we do not consider ([Click here for Newlife's FAQs](#))

- [Cornwall Mobility](#) (Exeter, Plymouth, and Truro)
- [Derby DrivAbility](#) (Derby)
- [Drive Ability North West](#) (St Helens)
- [East Anglian DriveAbility](#) (Thetford)
- [Herts Ability](#) (Welwyn Garden City)
- [North East Drive Mobility](#) (mobile in Cumbria, and onsite in Newcastle upon Tyne)
- [RDAC](#) (Hull, Manchester, Oxford, and Solihull)
- [The William Merritt Centre](#) (Leeds, and Sheffield)

Financial Support

Struggling for money is not a sign of failure; anyone can fall into hardship at any time. Dealing with money can feel daunting, but free advice and support is available from reputable organisations.

Benefits

- [Carers Trust - Money and benefits](#)
- [Carers UK - Financial support](#)
- [Citizens Advice - Benefits](#)
- [Contact - Benefits](#)
- [entitledto](#) and [Turn2Us](#)
- [Money Helper - Benefits](#)
- [Scope - benefits](#)

Childcare costs

- [Baby Bank Alliance](#)
- [Free School Meals \(GOV.UK\)](#)
- [Get Childcare: Step by Step \(GOV.UK\)](#)
- [Healthy Start - Help to buy food and milk](#)
- [WellChild - Help with school uniforms](#)

Council tax, mortgage, and rent

- [Council Tax Reduction \(GOV.UK\)](#)
- [Discretionary Housing Payment \(GOV.UK\)](#)
- [Household Support Fund \(GOV.UK\)](#)
- [Shelter - mortgage](#) and [Shelter - rent](#)
- [St Martin-in-the-Fields Charity](#)
- [Vicar's Relief Fund](#)

Debt, and money worries

- [Citizens Advice - Debt and money](#)
- [Contact - Money](#)
- [Debt Advice Foundation](#)
- [Money Helper - Money troubles](#)
- [National Debtline](#) or [Advice NI](#)
- [Step Change Debt Charity](#)

Essential items, food, health, and petrol

- [Cash for Kids](#)
- [Children in Need Emergency Essentials](#)
- [Family Action - Welfare Grants](#)
- [Free School Meals \(GOV.UK\)](#)
- [Healthy Start - Help to buy food and milk](#)
- [Household Support Fund \(GOV.UK\)](#)
- [NHSBSA - Help with Health Costs](#)
- [PetrolPrices](#) (compare local fuel prices)
- [Trolley](#) (compare supermarket prices)
- [Trussell](#) (food banks)

Home broadband, and phone

- [Ofcom - Social tariffs: cheaper broadband and telephone packages](#)

Home energy, and water

- [Carers Trust - Carer money matters, reducing energy bills](#)
- [Consumer Council for Water - Advice and support for household customers](#)
- [Energy Saving Trust - Energy at home](#)
- [Fuel Bank Foundation - Helping homes in fuel crisis](#)
- [Help to Heat \(GOV.UK\) - Find energy grants for your home](#)
- [Household Support Fund \(GOV.UK\)](#)
- [LEAP - Home energy advice](#)
- [Ofgem - Energy advice for households](#)
- [Scope - Disability Energy Support](#)
- [The Priority Services Register](#)
- [Water UK - Worried about your water bill?](#)

Other / general

- [MoneySavingExpert](#) (not the forum which may have incorrect information)

Family Courses, Support Sessions, Webinars, and Workshops

These charities offer various free interactive options for families on topics including children's anxiety, behaviour, communication, sensory needs, sleep, and toilet training. Some provide an opportunity for families to learn new online skills, such as budgeting and searching for grants. Others relate to general family lives or parenting skills. Please keep checking the websites as availability and the range offered may vary.

- [Caudwell Children - Family support sessions](#)
- [Contact - Events](#) (the family events are free)
- [Family Fund - Workshops](#)
- [Family Lives - Online parenting courses](#)
- [Hope for Families - Events](#) (low costs but supported places are available)

Other Sources of Information and Support

Other areas in which families may need further information and support with include education, housing, mental health, siblings, and the carer role.

Newlife is impartial and does not provide legal advice, promote legal action, or favour any legal organisation over another. Please remember that free advice, information, and support are available.

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| • Carers Trust (carer role support) | • Mencap (learning disability support) |
| • Carers UK (carer role support) | • Mental Health Foundation |
| • Coram Children's Legal Centre | • Scope (disability support) |
| • Disability Law Service | • Shelter (housing support) |
| • Disability Rights UK | • Sibs (sibling support) |
| • Family Lives | • Slater and Gordon (SEND support) |
| • Gingerbread (single parent support) | • SOS!SEN (SEND support) |
| • IPSEA (SEND support) | • Special Needs Jungle (SEND support) |
| • Irwin Mitchell (SEND support) | • WellChild - SEND Local Offers in the UK |
| • Kids and SENDIASS (SEND support) | • Working Families |

We hope this is helpful. Please don't hesitate to call our helpline or visit our website for more information, we're here to support you. Call [0800 902 0095](tel:0800 902 0095) or email nurse@newlifecharity.co.uk.