Charitable Funding for children with a PNI

Sometimes families of a child with a PNI, or the staff supporting them in their education settings, need to look for additional funding for specific purposes beyond the funding attached to the child’s EHCP or IPRA. Here we have compiled a list of external charities and organisations who may be able to offer grants or free equipment (in no particular order):

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/> Turn2us is a national charity providing practical help to people who are struggling financially.

<https://www.gov.uk/disabled-facilities-grants> **A Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) can award up to £36,000 towards the cost of home alterations to make your home more accessible. This is means tested and applied for through your local council.** DFGs can be used as **home stairlift grants**, as well as to cover a range of different adaptations.

<https://www.afkcharity.org/> Action for Kids is a charity which provides equipment not available on the NHS for children with disabilities or autism.

<https://www.caudwellchildren.com/> Caudwell Children is a national Charity that exists to transform the lives of disabled children and their families across the UK. For further information please contact tel: 0345 3001348 .

<https://cerebra.org.uk/> Offers a toy and book library, as well as legal and financial advice for families affected by a brain injury.

<https://www.childrentoday.org.uk/> Children Today aims to help change the lives of children and young people with disabilities across the UK every day by providing specialised equipment and support to children and families in need.

<https://www.elifarfoundation.org.uk/> The Elifar Foundation is a small charity which helps to improve the lives of children and young adults with severe learning difficulty and associated physical disability. They provide grants for a variety of items including electronic wheelchairs, specialised seating, eating aids, special beds and trikes, hoists, communication devices and sensory equipment.

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/> this charity offers grants and services that make life easier for families on a low income raising a disabled or seriously ill child.

[www.independenceathome.org.uk](http://www.independenceathome.org.uk) aims to improve independence, comfort, safety, dignity and quality of life for people with long-term illness and disability. They will only accept grant applications from health or social care professionals, or advisors or support workers from other organisations or charities.

<https://www.musculardystrophyuk.org/support/information/housing-adaptations-and-equipment/jpt/> The Joseph Patrick Trust helps children and adults with muscle wasting conditions to purchase specialist mobility equipment not available on the NHS.

<http://www.lifeline4kids.org/> provides essential equipment to help improve the quality of life for children with disabilities and special needs.

<https://newlifecharity.co.uk/> **Newlife provides a range of specialist equipment up to the value of £10,000 for disabled and terminally ill children, and will look to part fund the equipment if above this limit.**

<https://reactcharity.org/> Rapid Effective Assistance for Children with potentially Terminal illness is a dynamic charity working to improve the quality of life for children with life-limiting illnesses living in financially disadvantaged households throughout the UK.

[www.strongbones.org.uk](http://www.strongbones.org.uk) Strongbones Children’s Charitable Trust is a national registered charity set up to provide financial, emotional and practical support, increase inclusion by providing disability equipment and educational opportunities including workshops and facilities. They also provide support for parents and carers, access to sports and activities and family interaction days for the benefit of children and young people under the age of 21 who have complex needs coupled with a diagnosis of a bone condition such as scoliosis, bone cancer or spina bifida.

<https://www.variety.org.uk/> Variety can help by funding grants for a broad range of specialist equipment. Please note that applications for wheelchairs should be made via the [**wheelchair grants programme**](https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/wheelchairs).

<https://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk/> Provides high-quality, personalised equipment for young people who need wheelchairs, as well as support and training.