

This should be read in conjunction with HemiHelp's information sheets on benefits for families and adults.

## General Information on Possible Grants and Funding

- **FunderFinder**

Contains a list of directories and web based resources for individuals searching for financial assistance.

Address: FunderFinder, 65 Raglan Road, Leeds, LS2 9DZ

Telephone: 0113 243 3008

Website: [www.funderfinder.org.uk](http://www.funderfinder.org.uk)

- **Guide to Grants for Individuals in Need**

This publication provides a comprehensive list of grant making bodies, their criteria and where to go for further information. A copy of this is held in the HemiHelp office, local libraries may hold a copy or alternatively you can buy a copy for approximately £50.

ISBN: 978 1 906294 30 4

- **Living Made Easy For Children**

Contains a list of national charities that may be able to assist with funding equipment and/or adaptations for children, which cannot be funded by statutory services.

Address: Disabled Living Foundation, 380-384 Harrow Road, London, W9 2HU

Telephone: 0845 130 9177

Website: [www.livingmadeeasy.org.uk](http://www.livingmadeeasy.org.uk)

- **Scope**

Provides fact sheets on finding funding from statutory sources, charities and raising your own funds.

Address: Scope, 6 Market Road, London N7 9PW

Telephone: 020 7619 7100

Website: [www.scope.org.uk/information/factsheets/charitable\\_funds.html](http://www.scope.org.uk/information/factsheets/charitable_funds.html)

- **Turn2us**

Helps people to access money that is available to them - through welfare benefits, grants and other financial help. Their website has been designed to help people easily find appropriate sources of financial support based upon their needs and circumstances. Features of the website include a benefits checker, grants search and general information and resources.

Address: Turn2us, Unit 9, Cefn, Coed Parc, Nantgarw, Cardiff, CF15 7QQ

Website: [www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk)

## Carers

- **NHS Carers Direct**

Contains information on benefits available for the carer and the person being cared for, including information on tax credits and the Social Fund.

Freephone: 0808 802 0202

Website: [www.nhs.uk/CarersDirect](http://www.nhs.uk/CarersDirect)

## Musical Instruments

- **Take It Away**

An Arts Council initiative designed to help more people get involved in learning and playing music. The scheme allows individuals to apply for a loan of up to £2000 for the purchase of any kind of musical instrument and pay it back in 9 monthly instalments, interest free.

Address: Take it Away, Arts Council England, 14 Great Peter Street, London, SW1P 3NQ

Telephone: 020 7973 6452

Website: [www.artscouncil.org.uk/takeitaway](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/takeitaway)

## Adaptations and Equipment

- **ACT Foundation**

Provides grants to individuals and charities, principally in the UK, with the aim of enhancing the quality of life for people in need (specifically those with physical and/or learning disability). The grants fall into the following areas:

- building (modifications to homes, schools, hospices)
- equipment (provision of specialised wheelchairs, other mobility aids and equipment including medical equipment to assist independent living)
- financial assistance (towards the cost of short term respite breaks at a registered respite centre)

Address: The Act Foundation, The Gatehouse, 2 Park Street, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1LU

Telephone: 01753 753 900

E-mail: [info@theactfoundation.co.uk](mailto:info@theactfoundation.co.uk)

Website: [www.theactfoundation.co.uk](http://www.theactfoundation.co.uk)

- **Action For Kids**

Provides disabled children and young people with specialist mobility equipment, providing this equipment is not available from a statutory organisation.

Address: Action For Kids, Ability House, 15A Tottenham Lane, Hornsey, London, N8 9DJ

Telephone: 0845 300 0237

E-mail: [support@actionforkids.org](mailto:support@actionforkids.org)

- **Caudwell Children**

Makes donations of treatment, therapy and specialist equipment. The donation must make a significant difference to the child's life and funding is only available to families whose annual income is less than £45,000.

Address: Caudwell Children, Minton Hollins, Shelton Old Road, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST4 7RY

Telephone: 0845 300 1348

Website: [www.caudwellchildren.com](http://www.caudwellchildren.com)

- Cerebra**

Has a grant scheme to offer direct and practical assistance to improve the quality of life of children and young people affected by neurological conditions. Any equipment or resource that is required must not be available from statutory agencies such as social services or the NHS. Previous grants include touch screen computers, specialist car seats, power wheelchairs, trampolines, sensory toys, tricycles and quadricycles.

Address: Cerebra, Second Floor Offices, The Lyric Building, Kind Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1BD, Wales

Telephone: 01267 244 200

Website: [www.cerebra.org.uk](http://www.cerebra.org.uk)
- Children Today**

Provides grants to purchase a range of specialist equipment for children and young people with disabilities. Any specialist equipment must be unavailable from the NHS. Examples of equipment provided include electric wheelchairs, walking aids, trikes, educational toys, communication aids, adapted car seats and lifting and posturepaedic sleep equipment.

Address: Children Today Charitable Trust, The Moorings, Rowton Bridge, Christleton, Chester, CH3 7AE.

Telephone: 01244 335 622

E-mail: [info@childrentoday.org.uk](mailto:info@childrentoday.org.uk)

Website: [www.children-today.org.uk](http://www.children-today.org.uk)
- Disabled Facilities Grant**

A local council grant to help towards the cost of adapting a home to enable the person to continue to live there. Work can include widening doors and installing ramps, providing or improving access to rooms and facilities, adapting heating or lighting controls to make them easier to use. Work can also include improving access to and movement around the home to enable an individual to care for another individual living in the property e.g. a child. If it is a child (under 19) who has the disability it is not means tested.

Website: [www.directgov.uk/disabledpeople/homeandhousingoptions/yourhome/DG\\_4000642](http://www.directgov.uk/disabledpeople/homeandhousingoptions/yourhome/DG_4000642)
- The Family Fund**

A government financed charity, can make grants to low income families with disabled children (aged under 18) to help with the cost of such things as washing machines, computers, driving lessons for parents/carers, hospital visiting costs and holidays.

Website: [www.familyfund.org.uk](http://www.familyfund.org.uk)
- Fledglings**

Advises on possible sources of funding for large, expensive but essential items.

Address: Fledglings, Wenden Court, Station Approach, Wendens Ambo, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 4LB

Telephone: 0845 458 1124

Email: [enquiries@fledglings.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@fledglings.org.uk)

Website: [www.fledglings.org.uk](http://www.fledglings.org.uk)
- Independence at Home**

Can offer financial assistance towards adaptations and equipment to help manage at home, providing that the adaptations/equipments are not available from public funds. Referrals must be made by someone from the Health or Social Care Team and grants are not considered where more than £2000 has still to be raised.

Address: Independence at Home, 4th Floor, Congress House, 14 Lyon Road, Harrow, HA1 2EN

Telephone: 020 8427 7929

Website: [www.independenceathome.org.uk](http://www.independenceathome.org.uk)

- **Lifeline 4 Kids**

Provides a range of specialist equipment including electric wheelchairs, mobility aids and specialist computers. They can also help disabled children from low-income families with essential smaller items such as shoes, clothing, bedding and specialist toys

Address: Lifeline 4 Kids, 215 West End Lane, West Hampstead, London, NW6 1XJ

Telephone: 020 7794 1661

Website: [www.lifeline4kids.org](http://www.lifeline4kids.org)

- **Nihal Armstrong Trust**

Provides children with essential pieces of equipment, communication aids or specific services that their local authority will not fund. If you are having difficulty paying for the item, it costs less than £2000 and you have a professional to support your claim, you may be eligible to apply.

Address: The Nihal Armstrong Trust, 111 Chatsworth Road, London, NW2 4BH

Telephone: 020 8459 6527

Website: [www.nihalarmstrongtrust.org.uk](http://www.nihalarmstrongtrust.org.uk)

- **The Variety Club**

Provides vital daily items that often go unconsidered and yet add up to many thousands of pounds every year. These items include bath mats, toilet seats, bath hoists, mobility equipment, car seats etc.

Address: Variety Club Children's Charity, Variety Club House, 93 Bayham Street, London, NW1 0AG

Telephone: 020 7428 8100

E-mail: [grants@varietyclub.org.uk](mailto:grants@varietyclub.org.uk)

Website [www.varietyclub.org.uk](http://www.varietyclub.org.uk)

- **Whizz-Kidz**

Provides a range of mobility equipment that is not available from the NHS or other statutory services. Mobility equipment provided includes powered wheelchairs, manual wheelchairs, sports wheelchairs, adapted tricycles and companion cycles, scooters and buggies.

Address: Whizz-Kidz, Elliot House, 10-12 Allington Street, London, SW1E 5EH

Telephone: 0845 052 1231

Website: [www.whizz-kidz.org.uk/gethelp/getequipment](http://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk/gethelp/getequipment)

*HemiHelp has a range of information sheets for both families where there is a child with hemiplegia and adults with the condition, as well as a Useful Names and Addresses List to help you contact other organisations.*

***Hemiplegia** is a neurological condition that weakens one side of the body and affects one child in a thousand. It is sometimes described as a form of cerebral palsy and the effects are similar to those of a stroke. **HemiHelp** is a membership organisation offering information and support to children and adults affected by hemiplegia and their families.*

*HemiHelp is happy for you to make photocopies of any part of this document.*

*Helpline: 0845 123 2372 (Mon-Fri 10am-1pm)*

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