

# Where to find advice, information and help with grants...



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## Face-essex.org

Families acting for Change in Essex is run by parents.

We represent the views and experiences of parents and carers of children and young people with disabilities and additional needs to influence the services they receive in Essex.

**Telephone:** 01245 608231 **Email:** [info@face-essex.co.uk](mailto:info@face-essex.co.uk)



## Wipe away those tears

Wipe away those tears has no cures to offer and all too often some of our wishes will end in sadness, but during desperate time when there seems to be no hope we aim to wipe away those tears and bring a sparkle into the lives of these special children, no matter how big or small.

**Email:** [gail@wipeawaythosetears.org](mailto:gail@wipeawaythosetears.org)



## Families InFocus (Essex)

Supporting families of children with disabilities and special needs

## Families in focus

We aim to give caring, practical and confidential support whilst empowering families, in a non-threatening way, to consider the choices available to them and make the best use of available services.

**Telephone:** 01245353575 **Email:** [helpline@familiesinfocusessex.org.uk](mailto:helpline@familiesinfocusessex.org.uk)



## Autism Anglia

Registered Charity No. 1063717

## Autism Anglia

Autism Anglia provides a range of services to enable people with autism to live as independently as possible and experience choice and inclusion in society.

**Telephone:** 01206 577678 **Email:** [info@autism-anglia.org.uk](mailto:info@autism-anglia.org.uk)



supporting people with a disability in West Essex

## Accuro

Accuro is a small, vibrant local charity providing a range of specialist services for children, young people and adults with a disability in West Essex. Our fun and person-centred services enable our members to take part in a wide range of social and leisure opportunities that encourage them to belong, contribute and thrive. Through our clubs, we aim to develop life skills, confidence and self-esteem.

**Telephone:** 01279 870297 **website:** [www.accuro.org.uk](http://www.accuro.org.uk)



## TOTALSENSORY

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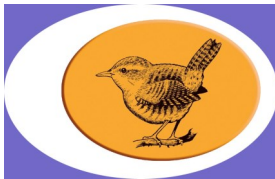
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inspiring creative adventure



## Purple Patch Arts

Our work is all about inspiring creative adventure; improving the lives and life chances of people with learning disabilities, mental ill health and / or dementia, and creating as many purple patches as possible! A time in a person's life where things come together and they excel.

**Telephone:** 07725041801 **Email:** [info@purplepatcharts.org](mailto:info@purplepatcharts.org)



## Jennyruth Workshops

At Jennyruth Workshops, adults with learning disabilities gain confidence, independence, life skills, work experience and happiness. It's a vibrant and challenging workplace where workers from Ripon and surrounding areas are trained on a wide variety of skills.

**Telephone:** 01765606620 **Email:** [info@jennyruth.co.uk](mailto:info@jennyruth.co.uk)



## North Yorkshire Centre for Independent Living

NYCIL is run by and for disabled people. Our primary aim is to promote the independence of disabled people, giving them increased choice and control over their lives.

**Telephone:** 01723 588002 **Email:** [julie@nycil.co.uk](mailto:julie@nycil.co.uk)

# UK Charities

**The ACT Foundation:** [www.theactfoundation.co.uk](http://www.theactfoundation.co.uk)

ACT's grants generally fall into the following areas: building (funding modifications such as stair lifts, bathrooms adaptations and vehicle adaptations), equipment (provision of specialised wheelchairs, other mobility aids and equipment including medical equipment to assist independent living) and financial assistance towards the cost of respite breaks. They will not make grants which would replace statutory funding and/or which would pay for work that has already taken place or equipment already purchased or on order.



**Action for kids:** [www.actionforkids.org](http://www.actionforkids.org)  
Action For Kids is a national charity working with children and young people with physical and learning disabilities and their parents and carers. They help disabled children, young people, their parents and carers in three main ways: by providing mobility aids, work related learning and by offering family support services.



**Action for Children:** <http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/contact-us#Q8>  
All families need help at critical moments. We support children and families with the most difficult problems and are the largest provider of family support services in the UK.



**Caudwell Charitable Trust:**  
[www.caudwellchildren.com](http://www.caudwellchildren.com)  
Caudwell Children Assists special children throughout the UK, with direct donations of treatment, therapy, specialised equipment and dying wish holidays. To qualify for funding the child must be 18 or under, have an illness or disability and live in the UK.



**Cerebra:** [www.cerebra.org.uk](http://www.cerebra.org.uk)  
Cerebra grants are to help children (aged 16 or younger) who have disabilities because of a brain related condition or injury. The condition may be of a physical nature, a learning disability or both. Cerebra offer direct and practical assistance to improve the quality of life of children and young people, e.g. Sensory toys, tricycles and quadricycles and touch screen computers. Applications must be supported by two references, one of which must be from a medical professional. Grants are paid to suppliers, not directly to the child/family.





### Children Today Charitable Trust:

[www.children-today.org.uk](http://www.children-today.org.uk)

Children Today raises funds to provide special equipment for children and young people with disabilities through out the UK. Their aim is to ensure that every disabled child and young person fulfils their potential and leads an active childhood. Funds donated by their supporters enables them to provide grants to purchase special equipment such as: electric wheelchairs, walking aids, trikes, educational toys (specially designed for children with disabilities), communication aids, adapted car seats, lifting and sleep equipment.



### Family Action: [www.family-action.org.uk](http://www.family-action.org.uk)

Family Action has small grants available for medical treatment, services, facilities or equipment (including communication aids) for those who are sick or physically disabled. Supporting evidence is required from a relevant professional. There is also a general grants program which can meet needs such as clothing, fuel bills and household needs such as beds, cookers and washing machines. In addition to providing general grants, Family Action also provide grants for educational needs, particularly for the additional costs associated with education such as travel, books and equipment. Assistance is primarily targeted at families and individuals on low incomes, particularly those living on benefits. Funds are not available for items covered by statutory funding.



### Family Fund: [www.familyfund.org.uk](http://www.familyfund.org.uk)

The Family Fund helps low-income families caring for a severely disabled child up to age 17 in Scotland and Northern Ireland and up to age 18 in England and Wales. They give grants for things that make life easier and more enjoyable for the disabled child and their family, such as washing machines, driving lessons, hospital visiting costs, computers and holidays. Family Fund cannot assist where there is a responsibility on a statutory agency to help with the requested item.





### **Independence at Home:**

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

Independence at Home provide grants for people with a disability or long-term illness towards the cost of adaptations, equipment or other things to help you to manage at home. The grant must go towards an item to assist a child to live at home. Independence at home cannot provide grants when the item may be provided through public funds. Applications must be supported by a professional involved in the child's care, usually an occupational therapist or a social worker.



### **The Jennifer Trust for Spinal Muscular Atrophy:** [www.jtsma.org.uk](http://www.jtsma.org.uk)

The Jennifer Trust has an equipment panel that meets quarterly and can make awards towards the costs of specialist pieces of equipment. The equipment must be needed by someone with spinal muscular atrophy and the application must be for an item that is not provided by the NHS or Social Services.



### **Joseph Patrick Trust:** [www.muscular-dystrophy.org](http://www.muscular-dystrophy.org)

The Joseph Patrick Trust (JPT) is the welfare trust of the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign. The trust provides financial support towards specialist equipment to help promote mobility and independence for people with muscular dystrophy, or a related muscle disease. For example, powered wheelchairs, adapted computers and electric beds. The grants cover pieces of equipment that the health and social services do not provide, but which are still vital for



### **Lifeline 4 Kids:** [www.lifeline4kids.org](http://www.lifeline4kids.org)

Lifeline 4 Kids provides essential equipment to help improve the quality of life for children (0-18 years) with disabilities and special needs. For the individual child they provide the full spectrum of specialised equipment such as electric wheelchairs, mobility aids and varying items including specialised computers. They are also one of the only UK charities prepared to help a special needs child from a low-income family with essential smaller items such as shoes, clothing, bedding and specialist toys.



### **Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children:**

[www.newlifecharity.co.uk](http://www.newlifecharity.co.uk)

Newlife provides grants for equipment for disabled children. The equipment applied for must be essential and disability relevant. The equipment can vary from a wheelchair or a bed through to a communication aid and therapy equipment shed, they have also funded equipment such as a replacement clothing and Braille machines. Newlife do not fund adaptations and fixtures to homes. All applications need to be supported by professionals who can specify the particular type of equipment needed in the interest of the children's welfare, safety and benefit. The grants are open to benefit all seriously disabled and terminally ill children that are permanently resident in the UK and who are 18 years or under. Newlife don't means test, but due to limited funds they do take a view of the whole circumstances of the family.

### **The Nihal Armstrong Trust**

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The Nihal Armstrong Trust is a small charity that provides children 9up to and including 18 years of age) with cerebral palsy with essential pieces of equipment, communication aids or specific services that their local authority does not provide. The grants are for equipment items under £2000 and the application must be supported by the child's doctor, school, social worker health visitor, speech, occupational therapist or physiotherapist.

**React** **React (Rapid Effective Assistance for Children with potentially Terminal illness):** [www.reactcharity.org](http://www.reactcharity.org)

React is a charity working to improve the quality of life for financially disadvantaged children with life-limiting illnesses living in the UK. They supply a wide range of equipment from specialist wheelchairs, beds, baths, and mobility aids, to essential everyday items like washing machines and tumble dryers.



### **Strongbones Children's Charitable Trust:**

[www.strongbones.org.uk](http://www.strongbones.org.uk)

Strongbones have funds available to donate towards arthritis, scoliosis, brittle bone disease and all other conditions of the bone. To be eligible the child must be under 18 years of age, and suffer from one of these ailments. They provide grants for medical equipment, computers/software, toys, sensory equipment, short breaks away, days out and proven household bills. Grants are normally £250 per child, but this figure is open to discussion depending on the child's circumstances.



### **Variety, The Children's Charity:**

[www.variety.org.uk](http://www.variety.org.uk)

Variety works to help improve the lives of sick, disabled and disadvantaged children and young people up to the age of 19 years across the UK, providing basic items that will improve the lives of individual children. Each year they donate electric wheelchairs, specialist beds, car seats, sensory equipment, standing frames and many other items that can change the life of a child in need.



**Whizz-Kidz:** [www.whizz-kidz.org.uk](http://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk)

Whizz-Kidz provides essential mobility equipment - powered or manual wheelchairs and recreational equipment such as trikes - that are customised to meet individual children's needs. The service ensures children get the right mobility equipment, advice and training at the right time. The wheelchair training programme includes improving the use of your wheelchair, new wheelchair skills and road safety awareness.



**The Wooden Spoon:** [http://](http://www.woodenspoon.com/)

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Wooden Spoon is a children's charity founded in 1983 that is dedicated to helping disadvantaged children and young people across the British Isles live happier, richer lives.



# Sensory Wish List

You can create a wish list on our website [www.totalsensory.co.uk](http://www.totalsensory.co.uk) simply click on the 'add to wish list' button at the bottom of any product you are interested in.

## EXAMPLE TEXT

We have created a wish list on [www.totalsensory.co.uk](http://www.totalsensory.co.uk).

- My child would really love one of these products for Christmas/birthday etc. It would be much appreciated.

## OR

- Our school/care home/respite service is looking into creating a wonderful sensory environment. We would be grateful for any items from our wish list.



# JACKPOT TUBE

TARGET



£2 Entry

# PICK A STAR!



You could win £40 if you pick the right star!

# Fund Raising

Cake sale

Talent show

Non-uniform day/fancy dress day

Bring and buy sale

Bush tucker trial

Men grow a beard/moustache for a month

Sponsored Silence

Blind food tasting

How many sweets in a jar