

## Aids and Equipment

You may find that you will need specific pieces of equipment to help you care for your child or aids to help them to get the most out of life.

You should be assessed by someone from your local health or social services department or children's team who can inform you about the options available to you.

This factsheet provides details of some organisations that can provide information about suitable aids and equipment to help you to support your child. In some cases, these organisations can also provide the equipment directly.

### **AbilityNet**

A national charity providing free information and advice on all aspects of computing for people with a disability and their carers.

**[www.abilitynet.org.uk](http://www.abilitynet.org.uk)**

Helpline: 0800 269545

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

### **The Aidis Trust**

The Aidis Trust aims to help disabled people make best use of information and communication technology by giving information, help and support on all aspects of disability computing.

**[www.aidis.org](http://www.aidis.org)**

Helpline: 0808 800 0009

Email: [info@aidis.org](mailto:info@aidis.org)

### **Disabled Living Foundation**

A national charity that provides free, impartial advice about all types of equipment for disabled people. It can help you find products and suppliers and also has an equipment demonstration centre. They also produce factsheets and other information resources.

**[www.dlf.org.uk](http://www.dlf.org.uk)**

Helpline: 0300 999 0004

Email: [info@dlf.org.uk](mailto:info@dlf.org.uk)

### **ERIC (Education and Resources for Improving Childhood Continence)**

ERIC's Helpline service provides support for children, parents and professionals who deal with childhood continence issues. Every year, the team respond to thousands of calls about problems such as potty training, bedwetting, daytime wetting, constipation and soiling.

#### **www.eric.org.uk**

Helpline: 0845 370 8008 on a Monday and Wednesday (9.30am-4.30pm)  
Email: [helpline@eric.org.uk](mailto:helpline@eric.org.uk)

### **Newlife – the charity for disabled children**

Newlife – the charity for disabled children helps disabled and terminally ill children in the UK by providing equipment to help individual children as well providing nurse led information service and funding research. They have a special 'Just Can't Wait' equipment service for families of terminally ill children.

#### **www.newlifecharity.co.uk**

Helpline: 0800 902 0095  
Email: [info@newlifecharity.co.uk](mailto:info@newlifecharity.co.uk)

### **The Sequal Trust**

The Sequal Trust fundraises on behalf of its members to provide communication aids, which can be in the form of a specialised computer system, voice synthesiser to relay pre-recorded messages, and many other items of communication equipment. They also maintain, repair and update equipment as necessary.

#### **www.thesequaltrust.org.uk**

Tel: 01691 624222  
Email: [info@thesequaltrust.org.uk](mailto:info@thesequaltrust.org.uk)

### **Whizz-Kidz**

Whizz-Kids provides disabled children with customised mobility equipment, training, advice and life skills and gives them the independence to be themselves.

#### **www.whizz-kidz.org.uk**

Tel: 020 7233 6600  
Email: [info@whizz-kidz.org.uk](mailto:info@whizz-kidz.org.uk)




**Together for Families Helpline**  
10am - 4pm, Monday - Friday

**0808 8088 100**

[info@togetherforshortlives.org.uk](mailto:info@togetherforshortlives.org.uk)

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

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