

Yorkshire Applications Funded by Yorkshire £61,479.39

Lewis, 6 months old – applied for a Britax Baby-Safe Car Seat with Chest Strap £273

Lewis was diagnosed with Quadrilateral Phocomelia, which means he has reduced size limbs, amongst other conditions. A standard car seat does not fit tightly enough for Lewis therefore a specialised car seat with additional chest strap was applied for.

Lewis can now be transported to and from appointments, and on days out with the family, safely and securely.

Dougie, 1 year old – applied for sensory equipment £1,882.50

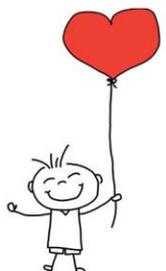
Dougie was diagnosed with Severe Brain Injury at birth. On application, he had recently started to respond to different lighting and toys being presented in his field of vision; smiling, widening of eyes, visually searching for items and becoming settled when music is playing. He also seems to move his mouth when spoken to at a close range. Dougie is currently tube fed, is under the care of various health professionals as well as receiving portage, vision and hearing support. He currently wears hearing aids and stimulation of these senses are required in order for him to mature and develop. Dougie is as currently unable to sit up, support himself or use his hands to hold items and is, therefore, completely reliant on his family for meeting his needs. Dougie is encouraged to self-occupy by being placed under a B-Active Box to allow him to kick things that sound produce. It appears that Dougie can respond to bright toys and sensory equipment and his family have been told by his vision support service that they must spend time stimulating his vision as much as possible to give him the very best chance of visual maturation and the funded sensory equipment will help to achieve just that. These items included fibre optic carpets, sparkle light sources, soft toys, a nursery play mat and a pop up sensory set.

Summer, 14 years old – applied for a Specialist swing for the garden £1,311.50

Summer is diagnosed with Autism, severe high frequency and sensory-neural hearing loss, amongst other conditions. She loves being outside, spends a lot of time in the garden and when feeling anxious or agitated, loves to use a swing set as the movement of the swing seems to calm her. Due to Summer's weight, her family find it hard to engage her in many physical activities as it causes her pain in her knees. Funding this new swing set is allowing Summer to play outside, is aiding her physical development and sensory needs, as well as providing a space for her to self soothe and relax.

Blake, 7 years old – applied for a car seat £2,035.00

Blake has a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy following a traumatic birth and seizures, meaning he is unable to talk, walk or feed himself. He enjoys food, loud music and loves to go out in the car as much as he can and gets frustrated if he is in the home too long. Blake's previous car seat was no longer suitable for him as he has poor posture and needs full lateral support and fastening for his core. As a family, they found it difficult to safely get Blake in and out of the car. Blake's new car seat has not only improved his safety but also provides full support required for his condition.



Danny, 4 years old – applied for sensory items £3,196.60

Danny is diagnosed with Autism and learning difficulties, he can get overwhelmed easily meaning he can have frequent moments of crisis and is often very anxious around people he doesn't know or see often. Danny's favourite place is, therefore, his home where he loves to rock, jump and partake in various other forms of seeking behaviour. Their swing in the back garden provides the biggest dose of therapy for Danny, allowing him and his family moments of calm where he can concentrate on other activities such as eating. To meet Danny's sensory needs, his mum would often take him to soft play and sensory facilities but Danny's social anxiety required his mum to pay a much higher cost for the use of a private room. The funding of this sensory equipment has provided constant access to this vital resource in times of real need.

Coby, 4 years old – applied for Maxi Cosy Axiss Car Seat £384.75

Coby was diagnosed with Chronic Lung Disease which means he is now on 24 hour oxygen and is fed via gastro. He has visual and hearing impairments but seeks out sensory feedback, particularly with his head and often bites his hand, meaning he requires constant supervision to keep safe. Coby also has Scoliosis and has 24 hour postural management in place. He is dependant for all of his physical care, medical and manual handling. This car seat ensures that Coby's postural and sensory needs are met when travelling, keeping him safe and the family don't need to worry when being transported to appointments, nursery or during family trips.

Kyle, 5 years old – applied for a Lazy Spa Hawaii £549.95

Kyle is diagnosed with Autism and is non-verbal. He suffers with anxiety, is noise sensitive and often requires one to one communication whilst at school. Due to being non-verbal, he relies so highly on routine in order to keep himself regulated. Kyle finds being in water very calming and can access a swimming pool at school. Dad explains that they had a spa at home and Kyle used this a lot but due a fault, this was out of action and the family saw an immediate change to his behaviours. A new spa was vital, not just for Kyle sensory needs but for a calming atmosphere throughout the home.

Zainab, 16 years old – applied for a turning system £6,121

Zainab was diagnosed with Hereditary Spastic Paraparesis and due to her condition, she is unable to walk and has restricted use of her upper limbs. She uses a communication aid, 'iGaze', as she is non-verbal and her family says she loves using this. Zainab requires support at all times for her day to day needs. Zainab's parents were having to turn her manually which was not only putting a strain on their backs and shoulders, but pressure on Zainab. This turning system bed helps when getting Zainab dressed, keeps her comfortable at night and has increased her independence and self-esteem as she is no longer entirely dependent on her parents.

Maxwell, 7 years old – applied for a weighted blanket and vest and bean bag slab XL £301.44

Max was diagnosed with Autism and sensory needs, such as being sensitive to lights so for support, he wears sunglasses in school as well as ear defenders. Max has a 'My Support Plan' in place which can be used for anyone who has a number of professionals supporting them and would benefit from coordinated support. Unfortunately, Max struggles particularly during the night when he frequently wakes up and requires full body massages to relax which can result in him missing a lot of school due to fatigue. Understandably, this is also detrimental for his family as they struggle to calm him and, therefore, sleep themselves. The weighted blanket, vest and beanbag has made a huge difference to Max as he usually requires many layers at night to help him sleep and so makeshift weighted blankets were needed. Unfortunately, Max can have pain due to the constant weight so a bean bag helps to elevate this, taking the focus off certain areas.



Blake, 2 years old – applied for a car seat with additional equipment £432.75

Blake was born prematurely at 23 weeks, has chronic lung disease requiring oxygen 24/7 and has to be fed via a jejunostomy following a grade 2 intraventricular haemorrhage. As a result, Blake's development is delayed so has equipment, a physiotherapy programme in place and is fully dependent for all physical, medical and manual needs. Blake's previous car seat became unsuitable as he leans excessively to the side and is very unhappy when in it which was understandably distressing for his parents. Funding this car seat has ensured that Blake's postural and sensory needs have been met, whilst also keeping him safe, relieving pressure on his parents backs when they take Blake in and out of the seat and the additional summer cover will help regulate Blake's temperature which is a big problem for him.

Khal, 2 years old - Nuna Leaf Gliding Rocker £200

Khal was born prematurely and spent the first 5 months of his life in hospital. Khal's diagnoses have caused global developmental delay in all areas. Khal has short bowel syndrome due to some having to be removed at birth which affects how his body absorbs the nutrients needed and he has to take medication to support this. Much is still unknown on how the condition will affect Khal long term and he has a number of specialists and professionals involved to support him and his family. This Gliding Rocker will ensure Khal's posture is supported when sleeping and ensures he is comfortable. Khal uses his current baby swing for comfort - if he is feeling overwhelmed or anxious he will go to it. He also uses it to sleep in during the day. Their previous swing was getting too small for Khal and his parents were worried he would tip over in it, causing him harm. Khal's parents report that Khal needs the comfort of the swing as they have noticed that when he gets upset, angry or worried they can tell him to use his swing. He will go to the swing and they can see him physically relax.

Hasnain, 4 years old – applied for an acoustic tactile wall panel £701

Hasnain has X Linked Myotubular Myopathy; a rare muscular condition that affects all of his skeleton, breathing and swallowing muscles. After three years in hospital, Hasnain was finally allowed to go home in summer 2019. Hasnain is breathing with a tracheostomy and is dependent on a breathing ventilator, he cannot swallow or cough for himself so requires suction from his parents and is fed by gastronomy tube. Hasnain continues to make progress with his development and this activity wall aids this by providing fun stimulation and effect play and learning for him, encouraging Hasnain to use his arm and hands, helping to develop his strength.

Henley, 9 years old – applied for a weighted vest £78.90

Henley has ADHD and the funding of this weighted waistcoat has helped him to control his behaviour when frustrated and angry.

Talbot Specialist School – Sunshine Coach £25,521

Talbot school provides education for young people aged 11-19 with a wide range of needs, including severe and complex learning difficulties, Autistic Spectrum disorders and profound and multiple learning difficulties. 55.6% of their pupils access pupil premium funding and 49.4% access free school meals. The school previously applied for and successfully received a Sunshine Coach which has been hugely beneficial but is now coming to the end of its life as it is costing more in upkeep than it is worth. When delivered, this new coach will be used daily, for a wide range of activities such as educational trips for enrichment, cultural, work experience, rewards and life skills, visiting other schools for transitions and sports events, lord mayors award, residential visits including Duke of Edinburgh bronze and silver award and Thornbridge activity centre. If required, it will also be used in an emergency to transport students.

West Road Primary – Sunshine Coach £18,490

West Road Primary Academy catchment serves an ex-mining village, 14 miles from Doncaster. 98% of its pupils come from the village which is a semi-rural area of high deprivation. The Indices of Multiple Deprivation (2019) shows that 32% of their pupils live in the 10% most deprived households, nationally. Their community is socially, economically and geographically isolated with the vast majority of their children live in poverty. For some children social, emotional and mental health needs can present through challenging behaviours. 12% of the young people at West Road Primary Academy are identified as having special educational/additional needs, including children on the Autistic spectrum, many with speech, language and communication needs, as well as those with sensory impairment. Once delivered, this coach will allow the school to transport their vulnerable children on essential life skills visits to local farms, shops, sporting events alongside extracurricular events, all of which will enhance the children's learning and social development.

Yorkshire Applications Funded by London £13,236.35

Aizah, 4 years old – applied for a car seat £2,565.00

Following a traffic accident in September 2018 resulting in a traumatic brain injury, secondary to RTA, Aizah was left paralysed, visually impaired and now also suffers from epilepsy alongside a minimal conscious state. As a result, Aizah is completely reliant on her family for all aspects of care. Although unable to move, Aizah responds to simulative aspect like music. As Aizah has poor head control and is unable to keep herself upright, a well-fitting car seat is vital to her physical health and given Aizah had outgrown her previous car seat, her family applied to Variety for a specialist car seat.

Declan, 4 years old – car seat £580.00

Declan is diagnosed with Autism and Congenital Cataracts (visual impairment – he has already had four eye surgeries), has little verbal communication skills due to interaction difficulties, struggles with depth perception, sensory processing and has a lack of awareness to danger. Declan requires constant support from his family for all aspects of day-to-day life. He enjoys being outside, playing in water, travelling in the car, playing with Lego and is very fond of his family's puppy. Declan uses his car seat most days for varied journey times, however, he was able to undo the straps on his previous car seat and had reached its upper weight limit, both of which were a real cause for concern for his safety. Their new car seat provides the necessary safety for Declan and will allow the family to continue taking him on outings; his favourite being trips to the seaside which are made possible by Declan's Disability Living Allowance.

George, 9 years old – applied for two car seats £534.50

George is diagnosed with severe Autism, ADHD, anxiety disorder, learning disabilities and a sensory processing disorder. Due to his challenges George struggles with transitions, which can lead to aggression in the form of hitting and slapping, he also attempts to escape from his school, home and the car, with his anxiety causing him to hit and push others. George's family applied for two car seats as his parents have to transport him in their respective cars. These car seats ensure that George is safe and secure when in the car and has reduced the risk of George harming himself and others in the car and enables the whole family to enjoy more shared activities.

Hayley, 11 years old – applied for a manual day chair £4,925

Hayley has Cerebral Palsy (diplegia) that affects her ability to walk unaided. Having this light, manual wheelchair has enabled Hayley to manoeuvre herself quickly and easily throughout school and when out with her family and friends. It has massively increased Hayley's confidence and self-esteem as it has provided her with more independence, decreasing the sense of isolation.

Kyle, 16 years old – applied for a Greenbank Equaliser Match Chair £4,400

Kyle has Cerebral Palsy meaning his mobility is effected so he uses a powered wheelchair on a daily basis and is very dependent on his family and school for care. Kyle plays competitive power chair football so by funding this new wheelchair, Kyle is now able to improve his ability in football but also in personal life.

Leah, 11 years old – applied for two weighted fleece blankets £231.85

Leah has severe Autism, experiences significant sensory processing difficulties, is non-verbal and often presents a state of high agitation. She appears to have sensory hyper-reactivity which often appears to trigger a state of prolonged sympathetic nervous system 'fight or flight'. Long term exposure to the stress hormone, cortisol, has impacted Leah's sleep, digestion and immune system and when presenting a state of high stress, she cannot absorb any further sensory triggers or demand, resulting in injuries caused by biting and nipping herself. Funding these weighted blankets has helped provide moments of respite for both Leah and her family as she wraps herself tightly within them in order to provide a sense of safety.

North Applications funded by Yorkshire £1,720.79

Jason, 4 years old – applied for a safe bed £262.79

Jason has ASD meaning he is unable to focus for very long and suffers from meltdowns during which his family fear for his safety. At night, Jason finds it very difficult to settle down which unfortunately leads to sleep disturbance for his family. This was becoming unbearable so by providing this safe bed, Jason now has a space where he can self soothe and his parents can leave him to sleep, knowing he's safe.

Emily, 2 months old – applied for a Tonic Clonic Seizure Kit £395

Emily is terminally ill and was 2 months old when her family submitted this application. She lives with her mum and dad in Durham and has a DS1500 document in place (terminal illness document). Her parents want to spend as much time at home with her as possible so by providing a grant for a seizure kit, Emily has been able to do this and create memories with her family.

Newcastle upon Tyne NHS Foundation Trust– applied for an Accuvein AV500 £1,063

A regional speciality ward situated in Newcastle, specialising in looking after children with complex neurological conditions locally and regionally. The unit has 13 beds and works closely with multidisciplinary team to provide complex care and rehab facilities for children and their families. Children who are sick need multiple investigations and intervention during their admission which can include multiple blood tests and canula insertion for medications. Children can be notoriously difficult to canulate and Accuvein AV400 makes this job easier causing less physical and psychological trauma to child and family.

