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Factsheet PC3 Help for your child Adaptations and Equipment

A key source of information on many aspects of caring for a child with a disability in Hertfordshire is the county council website www.hertsdirect.org. If you do not have access to the internet, or if you would prefer us to print off the information for you, please contact *Carers in Hertfordshire*, and we will be very pleased to help.

Disabled Facilities Grant

Making essential adaptations to your home can be expensive. The Disabled Facilities Grant is designed to help towards the costs. It is no longer means tested for families of children with disabilities, allowing all families of a disabled child the right to apply for grants of up to £25,000. To find out whether you are eligible to apply, contact your local district council.

Broxbourne	01992 785555	St Albans	01727 866100
Dacorum	01442 228000	Stevenage	01438 242242
East Herts	01279 655261	Three Rivers	01923 776611
Hertsmere	020 8207 2277	Watford	01923 226400
North Herts	01462 474000	Welwyn Hatfield	01707 357000

The Blue Badge Scheme 0300 123 4040

www.hertsdirect.org.uk

The Blue Badge entitles people who have a disability that affects their mobility to certain parking concessions. You are eligible to apply if you have a child over two years old who meets the criteria. Call for an application form or visit the website.

Hertfordshire Action on Disability 01707 324581

www.hadnet.org.uk

HAD provide advice and information on all aspects of independent living services. They have a permanent exhibition of equipment and aids for daily living; provide wheelchair and equipment purchasing and hiring services; have a multi-sensory room for pre-school children which has examples of equipment to purchase or make at home; a notice board advertising second hand items for sale; a 24 hour accessible transport service; holiday information; counselling.

Disabled Living Foundation 0845 130 9177

www.dlf.org.uk

Give advice and information on a wide range of equipment for use around the home, including bathing and kitchen equipment, wheelchairs and beds. Does not sell equipment but is able to tell you where to buy this. Has an exhibition centre, by appointment only.

Fledglings

0845 458 1124

www.fledglings.org.uk

Assist families with a child with special needs to find products and services that can be of help. Has a wide range of products including weather protective clothing etc. Will carry out searches for products for families and supply them where possible.

Demand

01923 681800

www.demand.org.uk

Designs and manufactures specialised equipment for children and adults with disabilities

Remap

0845 1300 456

www.remap.org.uk

Makes and adapts aids for disabled people to solve one-off problems which cannot be solved with standard commercial equipment. Clients are not asked to pay.

The British Red Cross

01992 586609

www.redcross.org.uk

Lend out aids and equipment on a short term basis, including wheelchairs. They also provide a community transport service in some parts of the county.

Motability

0845 456 4566 (for the car scheme)

0845 60 762 60 (for the wheelchair and scooter scheme)

www.motability.co.uk

National UK Charity which offers two types of scheme to buy or hire a car, wheelchair or scooter, providing the person is in receipt of the higher rate of mobility component of Disability Living Allowance.

In Car Safety Centre

01992 556800

Specialise in all types of seating, including children's car seats.

Citizens Advice Bureau

020 7833 2181

www.adviceguide.org.uk

Website has a useful section on transport options for disabled people.

Money Advice Unit

01992 556370