

What happens now?

- Your application will be acknowledged by telephone or email as soon as possible
- Your application will be considered by the Access Fund Advisory Panel which will be meeting regularly
- We will get in touch with all applicants to let them know the panel's decision

This fund has been made available by Newcastle City Council's Children with Disabilities Service to support disabled children and families to have short breaks.

If this information is needed in another format or language please phone 0191 226 1006

The Access Fund

2016 - 2017



**Supporting Activities
for Disabled Children
and Young People**

**By the
Nunsmoor Centre Trust**



Newcastle
City Council 

What is the Access Fund?

The Access Fund is a grant to help disabled children and young people to participate in the community. This can be any daytime, evening or weekend activity that the child or young person enjoys whilst their parent / carer has a break from caring. The Access Fund seeks to support children and young people to take part in inclusive activities alongside their non-disabled peers. This fund supports activities which will make a positive difference to the child over a 12 month period. The scheme runs until 30 September 2017 or earlier if funding runs out. Anyone with parental consent can apply on behalf of the child or young person.

What can the Access Fund be used for?

The fund aims to benefit individuals or groups of disabled children and young people by providing support to ensure children and young people can take part in local activities. This may include sporting, leisure or recreational and musical activities or participation in local groups.

Who is eligible to apply for an Access Fund Grant?

The Access Fund is open to any disabled child or young person living in Newcastle aged 0-17 years (inclusive) who meets **at least one** of the following criteria:

- Child or young person receiving a service from Early Intervention
- Child or young person in receipt of higher or middle rate Disability Living Allowance
- Child or young person subject to a Statement of Special Educational Need School Action Plus or Education Health and Care Plan.

Those children who are not eligible to apply to the Access Fund are children with a Child in Need plan which is resourced by the Children with Disabilities Service. (Children with a personal budget)

Funding for specialist equipment and computers

We only consider funding equipment which is essential to the child's activity. Families will be signposted to other funding available for specialist or computing equipment.

We do have some information on charities that may assist with other types of equipment.

Please contact Brian at Nunsmoor who can give you this information.

How to apply and what to include

Complete an Access Fund application form in full. Your application must explain how you will use this grant to promote the inclusion of children and young people with disabilities in their communities.

What outcomes will this give?

Please complete a monitoring form with your application.

Applications of up to £500 will be considered

All applications should be forwarded to:

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