

# Grants Made 2016

Name	Age Yrs	Grant £	Details
H	12	3824.70	She has a diagnosis of SEPN1 Myopathy, which is a form of muscular dystrophy. She exhibits the typical symptoms of severe curvature of the spine, and has recently begun to have breathing problems. By careful exercise she maintained mobility until the age of 11, but now uses a wheelchair, and requires the use of a range of special equipment. The request was for funding for a special support seating system, to hold correctly, and in a more comfortable position. With electric position controls she can also move from a seated to a standing position, and it will help to give her a little independence. Occupational Therapy has already funded one seating system for her, so external funding is now required. We agreed to fund the full cost.
		289.00	Funding requested by Penn Hall School Outreach Service for the purchase of an ETAC patient turner, which helps staff with safe movement and handling of children with mobility problems. We agreed to fund the full cost.
		143.00	Funding was also requested by Penn Hall Outreach Service for the purchase of another Wheely stool. One had previously been funded for use for assessment purposes, and is generally out on loan. An additional unit was now requested for use at Manor Primary School which we agreed to fund.
A	3	960.00	He has a diagnosis of Achondroplasia ( <i>a common cause of dwarfism</i> ) and epileptic apneas ( <i>epileptic seizures which disturb the sleep pattern. Sleep deprivation then makes the seizures worse</i> ), the seizures being described as life threatening episodes. The proposal was to purchase a special exercise trike to try to improve his mobility, exercise tolerance, and independence. Based on good results we have previously seen with the use of special exercise trikes, we agreed to provide funding of £960.00, with the family providing the balance of £300.00 required for the purchase.
C	7	48.65	He has ADHD, and is under investigation for Little's Disease, a form of cerebral palsy. He now needs to use a buggy more often to move around, but these are supplied without the accessory pack, which is not funded. We were asked if we could help with funding the purchase of a rain cover, and agreed to fund the full cost.
		4849.70	Funding requested for the purchase of an Acheeva bed for Chadsgrove Special School. There is a high demand for these both for use for pupils that are unwell while at school, and mainly for use by wheelchair bound pupils to reduce the risk of pressure sores, muscle tightness, and the development of deformities. The price reflected a 5% discount, and we agreed to fully fund.
F	4.7	599.50	She has a diagnosis of autistic spectrum disorder, exhibits challenging behaviour and non-compliance, has learning difficulties, and no sense of danger. Having outgrown her car seat, she is using a temporary seat with only a three point harness. This does not provide adequate support, and she releases herself, presenting a danger to the driver. A special car seat was requested with a secure harness to hold her safely, and with the family not in a position to fund the purchase, we agreed to cover the full cost.
C	3.5	1990.00	Global development delay, epilepsy, visual impairment, dysphagia ( <i>swallowing problems</i> ), and is unable to walk sit or stand unaided. A profiled bed was recommended to enable her head to be raised, as she suffers with chest infections, and the height to be adjusted to allow her parents easier access. With £2000 already raised from another Charitable Foundation, we agreed to fund the balance.
M	6	1375.00	Cerebral palsy and epilepsy, and considerable work has been expended in trying to engage her with her surroundings. A sensory room facility was proposed by her Extended Service worker, for use at home, and with £1,000 of funding available we were asked if we could help with the balance required, which we agreed to fund in full.
J	7	1237.00	Diplegic cerebral palsy which affects his legs, feet and hips, resulting in no balance. Three years ago we funded a special exercise trike to help develop his muscles, and he can now leave his wheelchair and use a walker. He attends a mainstream school, and at school his wheelchair is the wrong height for desk work. Their standard chairs do not support him or allow him to be moved. The proposal was to purchase a special seating system for school use, to get him out of his wheelchair, properly support him, and for his teachers to be able to change his position. We agreed to fund the full cost.
		1258.00	Funding was requested by Penn Hall Special School for two special support seats, with working tables fitted, to enable children in the Nursery to Key Stage 2 classes to be able to continue working while receiving physiotherapy. This equipment would be used by a number of children, so we agreed to fully fund.
E	15	299.99	He is severely autistic, obsessive about his studies, and unable to go out alone. Despite considerable work on his behaviour, he has no hobbies, and has shown no interest in anything other than using a computer for his studies. As part of a single parent family, he has to be taken to the library to use their computer, when possible, but living some way out in the country, public transport can be difficult. The proposal was to provide funding for the purchase of a laptop computer to enable him to continue his studies at home, and try to develop other interests to improve his behaviour. We agreed to fund the purchase.
T	11	3199.00	He has Downs Syndrome, knee deformities, challenging behaviour, sleep apnoea, and heart problems. Due to his sleep problems he thrashes around, head butts the walls, and frequently falls out of bed. His mother has to sleep in the same bedroom because she fears he will hurt himself, and with the father unable to work due to health problems, the mother is the sole carer for the family. After working with the family, the support services proposed a safe sleep system, which is not funded, and with the family on benefits, funding help was needed. Having purchased five similar units last year, and received good reports, and in view of the family circumstances, we agreed to fully fund.
L-M	8.5	1276.00	Cerebral palsy quadriplegia, and a learning disability. She has recently deteriorated and exhibits dystonic movements ( <i>involuntary muscle contractions leading to uncontrolled limb movement</i> ), as well as now struggling to sit up. She urgently needed a special car seat to both support her, which was fitted with a turntable base so that she could be manoeuvred in and out of it. Without a seat providing adequate support at the time, she could not be transported, and attend her special school.

			We have helped her previously, and with the need urgent, we agreed to fully fund.
O	5	50.00	Has diagnoses of cerebral palsy phenotype, spina bifida occulta, spasticity in lower limbs, microcephaly, and development delay. He is unable to walk and uses a wheelchair. However, he sits forward, and moves about, making transport unsafe. With his learning difficulties he is unable to sit correctly in the chair, and requires a restraint harness. Wheelchair Services will not fund, as they put the responsibility on the parents to provide the harness. As a single parent family they are unable to fund, so we were asked to help and agreed to fund the purchase of the harness.
E	3	634.58	Has a diagnosis of cerebral Palsy, complex needs, and is gastrostomy fed. She requires a special car seat which will provide adequate support, together with a swivel base to help in getting her in/out of the car. We agreed to fully fund, and the price includes our agreed discount from the supplier.
W	3	344.33	Has an undiagnosed genetic condition, no sense of danger and climbs out of her existing car seat. She requires a more supportive seat with a five point harness and tilt/turn facility, which we agreed to fully fund. The price includes our agreed discount from the supplier.
J	17	4000.00	His diagnosis is complex, but described as Marinesco Sjogren Syndrome, and he is doubly incontinent. He was still using a bed purchased 12 years ago, and we were asked to help with funding a special adjustable bed, which was urgently needed. Due to his condition he requires changing regularly, and without better access he is difficult to lift. Originally quoted at £4,171.00, the supplier agreed to waive the delivery charges, reducing the cost to £4,000.00 which we agreed to fully fund.
C	6	4500.00	She has Cerebral Palsy, and had been granted to maximum funding for modifications to the family home, to include a wet room downstairs. With other work needed, the family was short by £4,500.00 of the sum needed for the wet room, despite some fundraising. We agreed to provide the £4,500.00 needed so that work on the wet room could start.
O	5	474.00	Has diagnoses of cerebral palsy phenotype, spina bifida occulta, spasticity in lower limbs, microcephaly, and development delay. He is unable to walk and uses a wheelchair, and we recently helped by funding a suitable harness to hold him safely in position. The wheelchair is heavy and awkward to manoeuvre, and as a single parent family, public transport has to be used regularly. This presents difficulties in pushing the chair long distances, and getting on/off trains and buses. We have encountered this problem before, where parents have used much lighter and easier to handle special support buggies. He was assessed and we were asked if we could fund the purchase to which we agreed.
J	10	1079.13	Cerebral palsy and epilepsy, learning difficulties and problems with his posture. His Paediatric Physiotherapist recommended a special exercise tricycle to try to strengthen his legs and improve mobility, and we agreed to fund the full cost which was reduced by our agreed discount structure.
L	12	1017.93	He has a series of problems including profound and multiple learning difficulties, and is unsteady on his feet. His Paediatric Physiotherapist again recommended a special exercise tricycle to try to strengthen his legs, help his posture, and improve his mobility. Being a single parent family, with the one parent acting as a full time carer, we were asked if we could help, and we agreed to fund the full cost which was reduced by our discount structure with the supplier.
C	4	932.93	Diplegic Cerebral palsy, and unable to walk independently. His Paediatric Physiotherapist recommended a special exercise tricycle to try to improve his leg strength and mobility, and help progress towards getting him to move independently. As a single parent family with his mother acting as a full time carer we were asked if we could help. With our discount structure with the supplier, the cost reduced to £932.93, and we agreed to fund the full cost.
K	16	3352.76	Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy and is provided with a powered wheelchair for use outside the home. With Wheelchair Services unable to provide a second chair for internal use, he has to be supported to move around the house. With no suitable chair to properly support him, he tends to sit on his bed, and he is developing scoliosis. A special support and powered chair was proposed by his Occupational Therapist, and with a single parent family with no funding available, we were asked if we could fund the full cost. We agreed and funded the purchase.
		238.00	Earlier in the year we funded an Acheeva bed for Chads Grove Special School, which is in regular use, and helps to provide some respite from sitting in the same position for wheelchair users, to minimise the chance of developing pressure sores. We were asked if we could now fund an airmantle mattress for the Acheeva bed, which can easily be added, to further improve pressure point relief, and we agreed to fund the full cost.
		326.95	We were asked if we could help with funding sensory room equipment for a class of 15/16 year old young people, diagnosed with Autism at Pitcheroak School. Having experience of the use of this at other local Special Schools, we were aware of the help with behavioural problems, and agreed to fund the full cost.
M	5.5	596.70	He has Charcot Marie Tooth Syndrome, which results in progressive deterioration of mobility. He uses a wheelchair, but is able to use a walker at school. We were asked if we could fund a similar unit for home use to try to help his mobility, and give him some independence, which we approved.
E	2.2	1019.30	He has a diagnosis of Ohtahara Syndrome ( <i>which is a rare progressive epilepsy syndrome, which is life limiting</i> ) Arthrogryposis ( <i>the joints do not move as they should</i> ) and severe hypotonia ( <i>severely low muscle tone</i> ) resulting in the inability to control head movement, sit or move himself. Having outgrown his baby car seat he needed a special seat which could provide the required support. This resulted in a request to fund the purchase of a special car seat, and the manufacture of a special insert to provide the additional support in the head area. In view of the problems, and the urgent need for a suitable seat, we agreed to fund the full cost.
S	5	1512.89	He is unable to walk, talk or support his head, has reduced muscle tone, global development delay, visual impairment and epilepsy. He is transported by wheelchair, but has been using a p-pod seat at his day care centre. We were asked if we could fund a similar item for home use, which would help to keep him in a more vertical position, in comfort. He also suffers with a lot of chest infections, and this would help his breathing. We agreed to fund the full cost of the purchase.
M	18	2171.34	He has a diagnosis of Prader Willi Syndrome, severe learning difficulties and challenging behaviour. With the family in social housing, we were asked if we could fund the purchase of the equipment necessary to create a quiet area for him. From our experience with Special Schools this type of facility is a great help in assisting the control of challenging behaviour, and we

			agreed to fully fund.
A	18	281.50	Severe autism, global development delay, epilepsy, doubly incontinent, and has periods of depressive illness. He has limited communication, and after a spell in hospital has become more dependent on his carers. We were asked if we could fund a control box and a switch for an item of electrical equipment to enable him to gain a little independence. Additional switches can then be added to the control box so that he becomes a little more independent. We agreed to fund the items required.
D	8	4500.00	Kabuki syndrome and club feet. Due to his problems, funding has been provided by the Local Authority for a wet room, and a lift into the garden. His mobility is limited, and now he has grown his parents can no longer carry him upstairs, to which he requires access for both his bedroom, and to have a bath (instead of a shower) at least once a week, as it has been recommended to try to improve his current problems with urinary infections. We have helped previously with equipment and we agreed to fund most of the cost of a reconditioned stair lift to enable better and safe access to the upstairs of his home, with the family funding the balance.
M	5.5	644.58	He has a range of medical problems including a diagnosis of Diastematomyelia ( <i>which is an abnormal spinal cord condition affecting the muscles in all of his limbs</i> ), a right hemiplegia, hydrocephalus, chronic lung disease, is oxygen dependent, has long term ventilation by a tracheostomy, and a gastrostomy which enables him to be fed directly to the stomach. He is unable to sit correctly, and can not move around. We were asked if we could help by funding a special support car seat with a turntable base so that he could be transported in a car, to which we agreed, the final cost being reduced by our agreed discount with the supplier.
I	7	1058.73	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy spastic quadriplegia, has fluctuating muscle tone throughout her body, and difficulty with poor head control and control over other movements. She is moved around outside in a special support buggy. The proposal was to fund the purchase of a special exercise trike to help to develop the strength of her leg muscles, and improve her balance and mobility, and we agreed to fully fund.
K	3.8	1020.48	She has a significant progressive upper motor neurone condition, which does not yet have a definitive diagnosis. She exhibits muscle weakness, is unable to walk independently but can use a walker. She finds this tiring and often needs adult help to steer the frame and to start. The proposal was to fund the purchase of a special exercise trike to help to develop her muscle strength, particularly her legs, and improve her balance and mobility, and we agreed to fully fund.
B	4.5	1002.63	Cerebral Palsy and was born prematurely at 31 weeks. He had a bleed on the brain, developed hydrocephalus, and required an operation for a shunt to be fitted. He suffers with movement difficulties and muscle strength. He was assessed for a special exercise trike to try to improve his muscle strength, coordination, balance and mobility, and with suitable additional support he was able to ride it. With the family unable to help with funding, we agreed to fund the full cost, which was reduced by our discount agreement with the supplier.
S	11	574.60	Spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy, and with her mobility limitations she is unable to access the upper part of the house. Funding has been provided for a downstairs extension for a special bedroom for her, and a wet room. With her limited mobility we were asked if we could fund some equipment for outdoor use to enable her to sit in comfort and to get some exercise. In view of the family circumstances, with no funding available, we agreed to fund the full cost.
K	10	380.25	Diagnosis of a malignant brain tumour, and has subsequently received extensive treatment. His vision has been affected and he now has nystagmus ( <i>continuous and uncontrolled movement of the eyes, leading to constant eye fatigue</i> ). He is too ill to attend school and the Dudley Vision Impairment service recommended a laptop computer with voice activated software to help with his written work, which we agreed to fund.
S	5	1842.00	Retts Syndrome ( <i>a rare genetic disorder resulting in reduced head growth, delay in brain development, often no speech and mobility problems</i> ). She has limited mobility and suffers from seizures. Her leg muscles are weak and her Paediatric Physiotherapist recommended a special exercise trike to build up her leg strength, and improve her balance and coordination. We agreed to fund the full cost which is higher than usual as due to her condition, a trike from a different supplier to our usual option was necessary.
M	11	957.00	Diplegic cerebral palsy and now has difficulty in walking any distance. Paediatric Physiotherapist recommended a special exercise trike to help to build leg strength, and improve her mobility and coordination. After looking at various options, the Tomcat trike was the most suitable in this case. With the family able to raise £800.00, we agreed to fund the balance of £957.00 required.
B	9	3250.70	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, microcephaly, agenesis of corpus callosum, epilepsy and general development delay. She requires considerable support to sit correctly, and the proposal was to fund the purchase of a Supine 3 Stander for use at school to hold her upright, which will improve her leg and general body strength, help to keep her chest clear, and hold her hips in the correct position. We agreed to fund the full cost.
S	9	297.31	She has an eye condition called bilateral optic nerve hypoplasia (under developed optic nerve) which affects vision in both eyes. We were asked to help with funding an iPad for home use with a magnification function to help her to be able to complete schoolwork at home. We have funded similar equipment previously for the Dudley Visual Impairment Service with good reports of the help it provides, so we agreed to fully fund the application.
D	10	1246.88	He has a severe sight impairment being diagnosed with bilateral retinoblastoma, a rare form of cancer affecting his eyes. After chemotherapy and further surgery he had a corneal transplant, but unfortunately his daily medication to prevent rejection has caused some nasty side effects and health problems. We were asked to help with a computer for home use fitted with a magnifier screen and speech and accessibility software. We have again funded similar equipment previously and agreed to fund the full cost in this case.
C	4	666.03	He has a range of problems including development delay, large stature, speech and language difficulties, low muscle tone and poor mobility. He needs a suitable supportive special car seat with a 5 point restraint harness as he has no concept of safety, and will not wear his seat belt correctly. We agreed to fully fund the purchase cost, which was reduced by our agreed discount with the supplier.

C-R	2	401.63	She has a diagnosis of Dravet Syndrome, which results in epileptic fits throughout the day. She has significant development delay, low muscle tone, and is unable to support her own weight. She needs a special support car seat with a 5 point harness to ensure that she can be held safely in the correct position. We agreed to fully fund the purchase cost, which was reduced by our agreed discount with the supplier.
S	7.2	1215.13	He has problems with vision and hearing, he has a subluxed hip (partial dislocation), epilepsy and learning difficulties. While his family use a range of equipment and take him swimming regularly, he can only go out of the house in his wheelchair. His Paediatric Physiotherapist recommended a special exercise trike to encourage more active movement, and to build his leg and back strength. We agreed to fully fund the purchase cost, which was reduced by our agreed discount with the supplier.
B	16	2701.40	Over the last two years he has significantly lost mobility and can now only walk with adult support. He has other health problems and has to spend a lot of his time in a wheelchair. His Paediatric Physiotherapist wanted to try and keep him mobile, as well as provide more exercise beyond the swimming that he does regularly. A special exercise trike was proposed, which is more expensive than the usual trikes we fund as, due to his age and size, an adult model was required. This will however last him throughout adulthood. We agreed to fully fund the purchase cost, which was reduced by our agreed discount with the supplier.
R	13	1500.00	Born prematurely, he has periventricular leukomalacia which is sadly not uncommon in such cases, which is damage to areas of the brain. He has to use a manual wheelchair all the time, but struggles to move around the house. With his mother registered disabled a powered wheelchair was needed, and no additional funding was available. With help from a significant donor, the family had raised a major part of the funding needed by holding events, and we were asked if we could bridge the funding gap to enable the purchase to proceed. We were able to obtain a discount from the supplier and agreed to provide the balance of funding required.
M	6	84.99	The family has a 6 year old, with a diagnosis of autism, and other problems. As they live within 3 miles from his special school, there is no transport funding available and he struggles to walk the distance, often having to be carried. With a new baby in the family we were asked to fund an addition to the baby buggy to provide a seat for the 6 year old, called a buggy board. With the father unable to work due to health problems, we agreed to fund the amount required.
		3346.00	To fund a ceiling tack hoist for a 4 bed dormitory in the Penn Hall School Residential facility. This facility helps to promote the independence of the young people at the school, each having an opportunity for an overnight stay every 6 weeks. Due to a changing student cohort, hoist facilities are increasingly needed in the bedroom area, and this will be of great help to a number of students. We agreed to fund the cost.
M	6	1383.57	Quadriplegic cerebral palsy and dependent on carers for all aspects of daily life and has limited trunk and head control. He has problems with the supportive seat supplied by Social Services and his Paediatric Occupational Therapist has proposed a special P-Pod support seat to hold him in a comfortable position, and we agreed to fund the cost.
C	14	149.99	He is autistic, and has severe learning difficulties. He needs regular exercise but struggles to go outside and interact with other young people. His special school has acquired several trikes for use by young people that do not have any significant physical disabilities and he is keen to use one at every opportunity. His time is however limited as they are used by a number of children. His Learning Disability Nurse has recommended a similar trike for home use both to provide the exercise he needs, encourage him to go outside, and to improve his interaction with other young people. We agreed to fund the full cost.
H	5	2500.00	He was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy Spastic Diplegia at 16 months, and can neither stand nor walk unaided. His parents have been fundraising for Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy surgery which will remove or reduce the spasticity in his legs and give him an opportunity of normal development. The NHS do not fund this surgery widely in the UK, but it is mainstream in the America. A fund of £80,000 was required for the surgery, intensive recuperation, prolonged rehabilitation and post operative equipment needed. With a cancellation giving an opportunity for surgery in a couple of months, fundraising was becoming urgent, and we agreed to provide a contribution to the fund to help the family to reach the target required.
J	15	280.73	She is wheelchair dependant and relies on carers to meet all of her needs. She has a standard wheelchair, supplied by Wheelchair Services, but her mother is concerned that she does not have full control of the chair when descending hills, and has discussed the fitting of brakes with the Paediatric Occupational Therapist. She approached Wheelchair Services, but they do not fund anything beyond the standard chair. However, they have given their permission for hub brakes to be fitted, if funding could be found. We were approached and agreed to fund the cost of the modifications.
L	11	187.14	He has a range of health problems including difficulties with speech and hearing, and needs to use pads. Social Services have funded a downstairs extension, but there is a grant limit, and the family are now having to fundraise to complete all of the work necessary. He needed a secure cabinet in his room to store all the pads, feed equipment, and medication, and we agreed to fund the amount required.
J	16	3750.00	He has a diagnosis of Fragile X Syndrome, severe learning difficulties, and autism. He needs a safe area for both sleep and as a retreat when he has behavioural problems. His existing safe space unit has had considerable wear and requires refurbishment, the cost of which is considerably less than the purchase cost of a replacement (£6,000.00). With no funding available urgent help was requested, and we agreed to fund the amount required.
O	8	445.00	She has severe learning disabilities, challenging behaviour, and has been diagnosed with a very rare genetic condition. She has sleep difficulties, which is a primary symptom of the disorder, and has been using a SafeSpace unit on loan which has proved to help greatly in this area. With funding available from another source for the purchase of a new unit, we were asked if we could help with the purchase of a special mattress to fit the unit, as there was no further funding available for this important item. The cost was significantly reduced by purchase at the same time as the new unit, and we agreed to fund the balance required.
E	3.5	754.00	She has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, has complex needs and is gastrostomy fed. She currently uses a special chair for functional activities which holds her in the correct postural position, but it is not comfortable, and she is unable to tolerate it for long periods. We were asked if we could fund a more comfortable chair, also designed to hold her correctly, and which can be used for long periods. With no funding available as she already has one chair, we agreed to fund the full cost.

D	6	2339.78	He has a rare chromosomal condition (duplication of chromosome 2q) and complex needs. Due to his condition, he has to use a moulded wheelchair, and a hoist for all transfers. His condition means that he has problems controlling head movement and he needs to recline periodically in order to breathe properly. A specialist chair was identified which will hold him correctly, support his head, and allow him to be reclined as and when required without having to use a hoist to move him to his bed. With no support from the various local agencies, we were asked if we could help and agreed to fund the full cost.
V	5	700.00	She has a diagnosis of Miller-Dieker Syndrome, microcephaly, global development delay, epilepsy, and dysplasia of one hip. With poor postural control there is a high risk of deformities, and she required a seating system which would be comfortable for long periods, hold her securely, and minimise the risk of hip dislocation without causing pressure points. A P-Pod seat was identified and assessed, and with the family able to raise up to £100.00, we agreed to fund the balance.
A	6	206.00	Complex development delay including speech, language and communication, requires 1:1 care and is unsteady on her feet. She suffers seizures and falls, and at school she wears a helmet for protection to her head, and uses soft play mats. The request was for similar mats for home use to help to protect her when she has regular seizures.
S	25	3495.00	Complex autism, Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (EDS) ( <i>a connective tissue disorder</i> ) reactive hypoglycaemia, gastro paresis ( <i>a condition of partial paralysis of the stomach</i> ), epilepsy and challenging behaviour. She exhibits a mental age of four years, struggles with sleep, and periodically suffers injuries from her seizures. The request was for a secure safety sleeper system, which is portable for use also on occasional nights in respite care. We agreed to fund the full purchase cost, reduced by our agreed discount of £400.00.
P	18	3495.00	Brother of "S" above, his condition is worse, exhibiting complex autism, ADHD, PDA ( <i>Pathological Demand Avoidance</i> ) EDS, epilepsy and very challenging behaviour. He can react violently, and needs a safe secure space to both retreat to and sleep. We were again requested to fund a safety sleeper system, and in view of the family circumstances we again agreed to fully fund the purchase.
M	2.7	671.58	Born prematurely and with a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, she has survived after a long period in the Special Care Baby Unit. She has difficulty supporting her weight, and a fully supportive special car seat was required with a 5 point harness, and a swivel base for improved access, to hold her safely and securely. We agreed to fund the full cost which was reduced by our agreed discount structure.
		285.00	We were requested to help with equipment funding at Penn Hall Special School for two small items. The first was a Giant Floor Cushion, and we agreed to fund the full cost.
		357.50	Penn Hall Special School also asked if we could fund an ankle strap and head support, which we again agreed.
J	3	793.70	Born prematurely with a lesion on his brain, his walking had been delayed, and he moved mainly on crawling. He also had stiffness in his legs, but was starting to pull himself up. To build up his strength a special exercise trike was proposed, and an assessment found that he was able to use it well, and gain some mobility. His Paediatric Physiotherapist felt that regular use would help him to develop his walking, and with the family able to raise £200.00 towards the cost, we agreed to fund the balance required for the purchase to proceed.
K	7	2255.00	He needed a manual wheelchair for school use and also at home. We were asked if we could help the school budget by funding the purchase of this chair, and we approved the full cost
M	2.5	467.40	She is life limited, and receiving palliative care. In 2015 we funded the purchase of a P-Pod Bean seat to hold her comfortably, and we were asked if we could help again with funding a mobile base to enable the seat to be moved around the home. We agreed to fund the full cost.
		2730.28	The Victoria School requested help with funding a ceiling hoist for their medical facility. Following an incident where a child became severely ill and required resuscitation, it became clear that floor space, particularly when the child was wheelchair bound, was at a premium, leaving little room to manoeuvre a portable hoist to lift the child from his chair. The use of a ceiling hoist would free space for all of the necessary medical personnel and equipment to respond in the shortest possible time, and we agreed to fully fund the purchase.
P	7	1161.83	He has a problem affecting his left side and is unable to walk. He moves around either by side crawling or being wheeled in a chair. He uses a specially adapted trike at school and is able to use it well. Regular exercise would help his general health as well as making him use his left arm, which he tends to ignore, and the action of pedalling encourages the type of movement which will help his mobility long term. We were asked to fund a trike for home use and agreed to provide the full cost, reduced by our agreed discount structure with the supplier.
H	2.7	3495.00	He has a diagnosis of Angelman Syndrome, and exhibits severe learning difficulties, movement difficulties, epilepsy, and global development delay. He is rapidly outgrowing his cot, but needs a protected bed as he has seizures, and a standard bed would be unsuitable for him. With the Local Authority not prepared to fund special beds, we were asked if we could help and agreed to fund a safety sleeper for him which will be ideal for his needs.
M	10	114.80	He has a diagnosis of severe learning difficulties, severe autism, and challenging behaviour. He had recently become more disruptive when in the car, hitting out and distracting the driver. As a result, a Crelling harness was urgently required to secure him safely, and protect the driver, passengers, and himself when out in the car. We agreed to fund the full cost.
T	2.7	612.00	He has a diagnosis of West Syndrome which is a rare genetic disorder resulting in epileptic spasms. He also exhibits head banging, and now wears a protective helmet all day to prevent injury. He has outgrown his infant car seat, and would benefit from a more secure and supportive special car seat. After assessment, we were asked if we could help to fund the selected model, and we agreed to fund the full cost.
T	5	3495.00	Angelman Syndrome and Behavioural Insomnia, and he now exhibits disruptive behaviour at night. With fears for his safety, requiring all the bedroom windows to be fitted with locks, we were asked if we could help with funding a safety sleeper to provide a secure space to settle him at night. With another baby imminent, the family needed urgent help, and we agreed to fund the full cost, reduced by our agreed discount structure.

		7509.99	The Victoria School was raising funds for the complete redevelopment of the Food Technology Room, particularly improving access to all of the kitchen equipment for wheelchair users of different heights. Part of this work involved the provision of three new oven and hob facilities and we agree to cover the cost of this equipment. This part of the curriculum is very important for children with mobility problems and we were pleased to be able to help.
		5804.35	Chadsgrove School requested help with funding the purchase of an electric standing frame, which would be suitable for use by all age ranges in the school. This has the advantages of eliminating the manual handling requirements when raising a pupil to the standing position. It will be widely used, and we agreed to fund the full cost, reduced by our agreed discount structure.
K	7	1153.07	She has a diagnosis of Roberts Syndrome which results in malformation of the bones in the skull, face, arms and legs. She has reduced physical capability and the provision of a trike, adapted for her, will help to improve her coordination and mobility. We agreed to fully fund, and the cost was reduced by our agreed discount structure.
A	2	370.73	Born prematurely, and with a not uncommon brain development problem in such cases, she exhibits global development delay and is unable to sit independently. She requires a fully supportive car seat with 5 point harness to hold her securely when being moved. We agreed to fully fund, the total cost being reduced by our discount agreement.
H N	16 18	731.63	Two sisters with an hereditary eye condition called Stargardt's Disease, which is a progressive degenerative condition causing significant visual impairment. They now need to use long canes for movement as detail is lost from the central vision. They are receiving extensive support from Dudley Vision Impairment Service, and we were asked if we could help with funding two iPads with cases for use at home and ay school. They will be able to access the magnification function to assist reading, and there are a range of additional applications already available that they can then make use of. We agreed to fund the cost if Dudley MBC arranged all opf the purchase details.
J	12	381.22	Kleinefelter Syndrome, extremely anxious and has trouble sleeping. His Outreach Support Worker proposed a weighted blanket and some sensory equipment for his bedroom to settle him down at night, which we agreed to fund.
I	3	627.00	She presents with development delay, and is unable to stand or walk independently. A diagnosis is still under investigation, but she requires a fully supportive car seat to hold her correctly, and after assessment a Britax Traveller Plus was proposed, which, with our agreed discount with the supplier, cost £627.00.
M	15	595.00 + 4395.00	She has an eye condition called Coates Disease, which affects the retina. There is no vision in her right eye and significantly reduced vision in her left eye, as a result of which she is registered Severely Sight Impaired. She can use a laptop, but requires magnification to 36 point, and she also uses Braille machines. We were asked if we could fund a small Perkins Brailler for home use, which can be used to help her with both Mathematics and Spanish, and a BrailleNote Touch which is an ideal machine for school/college use, having a screen which can display the Braille typing in English to the teacher, and can access and download course notes in Braille from the internet. She is a bright student and requires help to maximise her potential. We agreed to fully fund.
L	8	737.25	Cerebral palsy spastic quadriplegia and requires support to move or stand. Unable to support herself correctly when sitting, she needs a fully supportive car seat, with the addition of turntable access, as she is unable to help when being placed in it or lifted out. After assessment, a Recaro Starlight with 5 point harness and swivel base was specified, and we agreed to fund the full cost.
L	10	3500	She has Leber's Congenital Amaurosis and Nystagmus resulting in very little vision other than light perception. The proposal requested funding for a BrailleNote Touch 32 which would greatly help her with communication, particularly to those not familier with Braille. It would also be of great help with all of her schoolwork. This is a unit which only became available recently, and having already funded several for similar reasons, we felt that again this would enable her to progress well at school, and we agreed to provide the balance of funding required for the purchase to proceed.
L	5	1733.55	He has a diagnosis of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, which will result in a progressive loss of mobility. We were asked to help with funding a special exercise trike to stretch and develop his leg muscles, to help to maintain mobility for as long as possible. With the family able to raise a small amount of funding, we agreed to provide the balance required, which was reduced by our agreed discount structure with the supplier.
K	14	1151.00	Hughley complex needs, including learning disability, visual impairment, sensory problems, cerebral palsy, behavioural problems. He is fully dependent on his mother as a carer as he is doubly incontinent, and needs a hoist for transfers. He is unsafe to leave, and needs a secure, but comfortable, chair otherwise his mother has to remain with him in sight at all times. Having outgrown his previous seat, which had been sourced second hand, and with Statutory Services not providing such equipment, we were asked if we could help as he urgently needed a suitable replacement. We agreed to fully fund the purchase cost.
A	4	936.13	Down's Syndrome, unable to walk or stand unaided and needs to be lifted in/out of her car seat. With increasing weight this is causing problems for her single parent mother, who acts as a full time carer. Family in rented accommodation and unable to fund the support seat required, so we agreed to fund the full cost, reduced by our agreed discount with the supplier.
<b>Total</b>		<b>£136,323.44</b>	