



Guidelines for contributions to Bobath therapy for adults and children in Scotland

If no other funding is available, some families and service users chose to fundraise or contribute to their therapy at Cerebral Palsy Scotland. No service user is charged the full cost as we subsidise the costs to us of providing our service with our own fundraising.

Our aim is to be up-front, transparent and consistent in the advice we give service users and their families who would like to directly contribute or raise funds for therapy. As a charity we also must ensure that all guidelines comply with OSCR and other legal obligations.

All funds raised for the treatment of a particular individual will be classed as restricted funds. A restricted fund will only be drawn down when the individual concerned receives treatment.

Any restricted fund will be reviewed after 12 months of its creation. If no further treatment has taken place after a further 12 months, the trustees reserve the right to re-designate the funds to general charitable purposes.

We cannot return donations to a donor once they have been made.

We cannot transfer a donation made by a donor to Cerebral Palsy Scotland to a third party. This includes the service users' or family's account.

As a charity we must abide by legislation that governs how money is raised and what it can be spent on. We have therefore drawn up the following guidelines:

- It should be clear to donors to any fund whether the money is specifically for an individual's therapy or whether it is for the benefit of Cerebral Palsy Scotland. If on a fundraising page/literature/letter all references are to the charity and no mention is made of the individual the auditors and OSCR state that no restriction is stated and so the donation will be unrestricted.
- Donations can only be used for Cerebral Palsy Scotland's charitable purposes; in this case treatment.
- If you are thinking about raising money for things associated with treatment, for example travel and accommodation costs, we advise that you set up a separate account.

Donations made for associated costs should not be given to the charity and cannot be refunded afterwards.

Cerebral Palsy Scotland will:

- Provide an initial assessment appointment to children and adults who have not been seen here previously or who have not attended for a long time at no cost. The need for an assessment appointment will be evaluated by the therapy team.
- Families of children will be asked to pay or fundraise £2,500 to contribute towards their child's treatment.
- Adults can participate in the Flexible Helping Hands scheme at a cost of £95 per session. Input will be agreed in advance after an initial first assessment. Sessions can be spread out over the year or taken in an intensive burst.
- Specialist reviews: In depth specialist consultation (virtual and in-person at Cerebral Palsy Scotland), liaison with community team, follow up report and recommendations
- Cost: £475 (Some funded places are available through CAF/Scope Connecting Communities Grant in 23/24)
- Cerebral Palsy Scotland will reserve the right to review the cost of treatment on an annual basis.
- Cerebral Palsy Scotland will ultimately abide by the decision of OSCR and the independent auditor as to whether funds are restricted or for general use.

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