

EQUIPMENT, TOYS AND ADAPTATIONS



**CROYDON'S LOCAL OFFER OF SERVICES FOR
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 0-25 WITH SEND
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If your child has a disability which is permanent and substantial and requires aid equipment or adaptations to your home - you may be eligible for assistance from the Council. Some larger pieces of specialist equipment are available on loan. However, equipment will only be offered after an assessment of need has been made.

Major adaptations can also be provided after an assessment of physical, sensory, mental health and learning disabilities. The assessment will focus on the difficulties your child has with everyday tasks. The assessment will be carried out by a qualified Occupational Therapist who is based at:

Children's Occupational Therapy Services, Crystal Care Centre, Croydon Health Services, The Crystal Centre, 47 St James' Road, Croydon, CR0 2UR

Contact: Children with Disabilities team:

☎ **020 8726 6400** or

Children's Occupational Therapy Services:

☎ **020 8274 6857** or

Adult Social Care (for those aged 18 and over) go to

🌐 www.croydon.gov.uk/healthsocial/adult-care

Costs

If it is agreed that a piece of equipment or a minor adaptation is essential, you will not be charged for it.

If it is agreed that you need a major adaptation to your home, you may be financially assessed to see if you will have to contribute to the cost. A Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) of up to £30,000 may be available to meet the costs of the adaptation. Different arrangements apply for whether you are an owner occupier, council, housing association or private tenant. The DFG is administered by the Staying Put Service – further information on this service can be found at

🌐 www.croydon.gov.uk/housing/privatehousing/disability

Any equipment which we can loan you is available free of charge. However, our supplies are limited, and for some equipment there is a waiting list.

Should you wish to buy your own equipment, we will be able to offer you advice as to which particular pieces of equipment suit your needs.

Returning loaned equipment

If you have equipment that you no longer use or need, you can return it to us. The equipment can be cleaned and recycled for other people. Please return it to the Croydon Community Equipment Service or contact them to arrange collection. They are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm.

Contact: Access Ability Centre, 28 Boulogne Road, Croydon CR0 2QT
☎ **020 8664 8860**

Specialist equipment shop

You can receive specialist help and advice as well as view many items at our equipment shop at the Croydon Equipment Solutions. This includes beds, mattresses, hoists, bathing, mobility and seating equipment. We also provide enteral feeding and all paediatric equipment in addition to Telecare/Telehealth assistive technology and sensory aids. They will repair equipment in the Croydon area apart from hoists.

The centre is open on Mondays and Tuesdays between 10am and 4pm and it is best to make an appointment to avoid disappointment.

Contact: Croydon Equipment Solutions, 28 Boulogne Road, Croydon CR0 2QT
☎ **020 8664 8860**

Specialist equipment suppliers

A list of specialist equipment suppliers can be found on the council website at:

🌐 www.croydon.gov.uk/healthsocial/adult-care/support-at-home/adaptations/suppliers

ACTION FOR KIDS

provides a permanent loan scheme for wheelchairs and mobility equipment not available on the NHS for disabled children and young people aged 0-25.

☎ **020 8347 8111**

🌐 www.actionforkids.org

Cheap disability aids: Includes equipment, toys and clothing

🌐 www.cheapdisabilityaids.co.uk

DISABLED LIVING FOUNDATION

Information on equipment for children/adults.

🌐 www.asksara.dlf.org.uk

BLIND CHILDREN UK (FORMERLY NATIONAL BLIND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY)

Provides emotional and practical support, advice and information and provides training to help blind children and young people get around safely and independently including the teaching of important life skills such as handling money and preparing food. Provide advice on choosing the most appropriate technology and sensory equipment to help children with a vision impairment study and play. Grants programme that allows families to apply for recommended items. Offer Buddy Dogs and guide dogs for young people.

☎ **0800 781 1444**

✉ services@blindchildrenuk.org

🌐 www.blindchildrenuk.org

CORE@HOME

A project of CORE Croydon (a charitable trust) which aims to enable more disadvantaged people to use computers in their own home to benefit their education and social inclusion. We also aim to protect the natural environment by recycling and re-using computers that would otherwise be sent to landfill sites.

☎ **07947 575587**

✉ info@corecroydon.org.uk

FOREST BOOKS

A leading provider for over 24 years of books and resources for Special Educational Needs, Autism, Speech Language and Communication, Deafness, Sign Language and other related issues.

✉ customerservice@forestbooks.com

☎ **01594 833858**

🌐 www.forestbooks.com

MERU

Design and manufacture specialised equipment for children and young people with disabilities

☎ **01372 725203**

✉ info@meru.org.uk

🌐 www.meru.org.uk

PCSP (UK) LTD

– protecting body shape
Provision of postural care and suppliers of sleep systems. Postural care can sometimes reduce the need for invasive surgery and improve the overall body shape. Provides a network of information and training for families and professionals.

☎ **01827 304 938**

☎ **Mob: 07729 552 626**

✉ info@posturalcareskills.com

🌐 www.posturalcareskills.com

PICTURE EXCHANGE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (PECS)

Supports communication between educators, parents, children and adults with autism and related disabilities.

Contact: Pyramid Educational Consultants UK Ltd, First Floor, Queens Park Villa, 30 West Drive, Brighton, BN2 0QW, United Kingdom

☎ **01273 609555**

☎ **Fax: 01273 609556**

✉ pyramiduk@pecs.com

🌐 www.pecs.org.uk

SIMPLE STUFF WORKS

An information exchange and networking on night time positioning.

☎ **01827 307 870**

☎ **Mob: 07813 033 561**

✉ admin@simplestuffworks.co.uk

🌐 www.simplestuffworks.co.uk

SPECIAL NEEDS TOYS

🌐 www.specialneedstoys.com

TOUGH FURNITURE

Furniture to withstand challenging behaviours.

☎ **01588 674340**

🌐 www.toughfurniture.com

UN FLAVOURED TOOTHPASTE

For sensory sensitive mint hating children and adults

🌐 www.oranurse.co.uk

WHIZZ-KIDZ

Provides mobility equipment and a range of services for young disabled people.

🌐 www.whizz-kidz.org.uk

Sensory Toys and Equipment

SENSORY EDUCATION

Supplies baby sensory toys, all ages daily living lifestyle aids, Early Years sensory ideas, all ages sensory educational supplies and all ages sensory toys and lighting to parents, schools, charities and The NHS.

☎ **0800 009 6022 (Free phone)**

✉ info@sensorytoywarehouse.com

🌐 www.cheapdisabilityaids.co.uk

SENSORY TOY WAREHOUSE

Provides sensory activities, toys and equipment for all ages, from babies to the elderly.

☎ **+44 (0)151 200 9841**

☎ **Fax: +44 (0)151 200 9841**

✉ **info@sensorytoywarehouse.com**

🌐 **www.sensorytoywarehouse.com**

TFH SPECIAL NEEDS TOYS

Over 1,200 sensory toys and equipment for all ages including: visual, auditory, tactile,

proprioception, vestibular, motor, cognition, communication, socialisation, independence and multi-sensory equipment (MSE)

🌐 **www.specialneedstoys.com/uk**

☎ **01299 827820**

☎ **Fax: 01299 827035**

✉ **info@specialneedstoys.com**

TOYS LIKE ME

Seeing positive representations of disability in toys can help ALL children develop a positive attitude

towards disability. For children with disabilities themselves, it's hugely affirming to see themselves reflected by their favourite brands. The #ToyLikeMe group is working hard to bring representation of disability in the toy box. For more information please see:

📘 **facebook.com/toylikeme**

🐦 **@toylikeme**

🌐 **www.toylikeme.co.uk**

✉ **rebecca.atkinson@email.com**

CONTINENCE/ NAPPIES

The Continence Service can provide advice and practical help if your child is over five years of age and still in nappies because of his/her disability or special need. They can also provide you with nappies or pads.

☎ **020 8274 6409**

Extra Large Nappies

Parents can find that if their child is not toilet trained, they may outgrow standard size nappies. A supreme fit range is available from Wrightman & Parrish Ltd

☎ **01323 440 444**

🌐 **www.w-p.co.uk**

A range of equipment is provided from simple wheelchairs and buggies to customised seating. Assessments take place at the wheelchair service (based at Croydon Equipment Solutions), children's and young people's homes, schools, hospital or wherever is most appropriate to the child's need. Regular clinics are held at St.Giles and Rutherfords schools. "Child in a Chair in a Day" clinics are held every 8 weeks at the Access Ability Centre.

The service does not provide short term loan equipment for children post-surgery or with fractures.

A child will qualify for a powered wheelchair from Croydon Wheelchair Service only if they need powered mobility for all their mobility. We will support families and schools to assess children who have specific needs at school. Where specific features such as seat lift are required, joint funding of equipment with schools is possible.

☎ **0208 665 9313**. Phones open 10-12 and 2-3 daily

Wheelchair maintenance service open 9-5pm daily on

☎ **0208 664 3000**

Croydon Equipment Solutions
28 Boulogne Road, Croydon,
CR0 2QT

WHEELCHAIR SERVICE

Eligibility: All children (and adults) with long term mobility difficulties, physical and learning disabilities from age 0 who are registered with a Croydon GP.

Referrals: Initial referrals are required from Health or Social Care professionals but subsequent referrals will be taken directly from parents, carers etc.

FUNDING FOR EQUIPMENT

There are various charitable organisations that can provide funding grants for equipment. See the section on Money for more information.

We would like to thank

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Disclaimer

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information provided, we cannot accept responsibility or liability for any errors which may have occurred. It is therefore, recommended that you always check details with providers to ensure their service meets your requirements.