

# Ways the Trust can help

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# Funding changing needs

## Financing property moves or adaptations

- Council grants
- Funding from the Trust

## Financing mobility

- Motability
- Funding from the Trust

# Affordability of Trust Funding

We help by ensuring you can manage on reduced annual grant funding

- We will ask questions about income and expenditure
- We will discuss repayment terms with you

# Health Grants

What can I spend my health grant on?

- Independent mobility
- Home adaptations
- Communications and technology
- Medical treatment not covered by the NHS
- Respite
- Personal assistance
- Social activities

# VAT Relief

VAT relief may be available to you on certain goods and services

- Car purchases
- Building and construction work

Ensure you apply for the VAT relief before you make your purchase or agree contract terms

# Budgeting

How can we help you manage your annual and health grant funding

- Budget your expected expenditure
- Avoid emergency grants
- Set up direct debits
- Consider receiving your Trust grants as regular payments throughout the year.

# Benefits

Trust grants are disregarded in benefit assessments and guidance is available from the Trust if you need it.

# When a beneficiary dies

Ensure your wishes are known

- Make a will
- Leave instructions for your representatives to contact the Trust in the event of your death



# Fraud prevention

## Help us help you

Be aware of the potential for fraud

- Password protect any devices that you use for email
- Limit the number of bank accounts the trust holds for you
- Be aware of additional security checks
- Accept your default bank account will be used in the event of any doubt

Other ways we can help?



**Thank You!**