

THE CHECT SUPPORT FUND



The Childhood Eye Cancer Trust (CHECT) support fund provides grants to families in need of financial help as a result of their child's diagnosis, treatment or screening for retinoblastoma.

This leaflet gives you more information about the fund, eligibility and how to apply. If you have any questions at all, please speak to your CHECT support worker who will be happy to help you.

APPLY NOW:

Please read this leaflet carefully before applying to make sure that you're eligible. Then ask your support worker for an application form or download one at chect.org.uk/financial.

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About the fund

We know that the cost of frequent visits to hospital can soon add up. We established our support fund to help ease this financial pressure and each year we issue a number of grants to families and individuals affected by retinoblastoma.

The fund is paid for by generous donations from our supporters and eligible families could receive up to £200 per year.

Eligibility

The fund is available to UK members of CHECT and/or those receiving treatment under the NHS in one of the UK retinoblastoma centres

– Royal London Hospital or Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Any member who is facing financial difficulty as a result of diagnosis, treatment or screening for retinoblastoma can apply.

Unfortunately we can't give a grant for travel to appointments where this cost is already being met by the NHS.

A grant may be considered to enable people to access other services provided by CHECT, such as attending one of our regional meet up events, and your support worker can give you more information on this.

As our support fund is limited, where possible we do ask that applicants pursue all other grants available before applying. We will ask you to specify how much you need to enable us to support as many families as possible.

How to apply

1. Fill in the application form, which your support worker can give to you or you can find at chect.org.uk/financial.
2. Return your form by post, email or by handing it to your support worker. They will discuss the application with you and sign it.
3. The application will then be reviewed by the fund's bursars.

4. We will notify you in writing of the decision within two weeks of receiving your application.

Other funding

Our grants are dependant on the availability of funds, so unfortunately we cannot guarantee them.

There are several other organisations that offer financial support to families affected by cancer, which include:

- The Family Fund
- Lennox Children's Cancer Fund
- CLIC Sargent
- Hospital Travel Scheme
- Macmillan Cancer Support

Please have a look at our Finance and Grants leaflet for more information about these schemes.

Do speak to your CHECT support worker if you would like to know more or need some help applying.

Find out more

If you'd like to discuss any of the information in this leaflet, please get in touch.

You can speak to your support worker at clinic, call us on 020 7377 5578 or email support@chect.org.uk.

About CHECT

The Childhood Eye Cancer Trust (CHECT) is a UK charity dedicated to helping people affected by retinoblastoma.

We:

- Provide support and information to families and individuals.
- Fund research into the prevention and treatment of retinoblastoma.
- Raise awareness among health professionals and the public.
- Influence policy to improve services for patients.

We offer lifelong support for anyone affected – from diagnosis, through teenage years and into adulthood. We've been helping families for 30 years and rely on donations to fund our work.

SEE ALSO:

For more information about financial support that may be available to you from other organisations, please see our Finance and Grants Leaflet. You may also find our Guide to Benefits leaflet useful.

Both of these leaflets are available from your support worker or at chect.org.uk/financial.

If you need any help, please don't hesitate to speak to your support worker.



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