



Epilepsy



Epilepsy Foundation:

Offers a lot of advice on living with epilepsy and supporting loved ones with epilepsy. It shows the variety of equipment, and advice on how these work, the use of epilepsy service dogs etc.

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Support Groups:

- Epilepsy Action - Stoke on Trent - offers support groups that welcome anybody affected by epilepsy to talk, listen and share experiences in a relaxed and friendly environment.
- Epilepsy Society - have a confidential epilepsy helpline and online information to give help and support. They are a voice for people with epilepsy, striving to push epilepsy up the political agenda.

The Daisy Garland -

Support with funding for epilepsy monitors to enable children's safety whilst they sleep, reducing the risk of sudden, unexpected death in epilepsy. They offer grants for two different types of monitors: Emfit Epilepsy Monitor and Pulmolink SATs Monitor. 01803 847999

Epilepsy Monitors:

- Emfit Epilepsy Monitor - consists of a small mat which slides under your child's mattress, and will alarm for seizures that involve continuous movement lasting for 10 seconds or more. This monitor will not alarm for non-movement breath-holding or absent seizures.
- Pulmolink SATs Monitor - is attached to the child's toe at night by a sensor and will alarm when oxygen levels in the blood drop and/or heart rate increase/decreases indicating possible seizure activity. Please note that this monitor may not be suitable for children with sensory issues.

Epilepsy Alarms:

The following charities can help to support with funding an epilepsy medical alert sensor:

- The Edward Gostling Foundation
- The John Shaw Foundation
- Leonard Cheshire
- Living Made Easy
- Turn2Us