

## About Us:

We provide a combination of therapies including Hippotherapy, Pony Petting, Pat Therapy, and Physiotherapy to provide a rehabilitation programme to suit your individual needs.

Our mission is to provide high quality assessment and rehabilitation programmes using the horse to provide a treatment strategy for adults and children with physical, mental, social and learning disabilities and as such allow more people to benefit from Hippotherapy and associated services.

Hippotherapy is a specialist physiotherapy intervention that uses the 3 dimensional movement of the horse in walk to correct and improve movement, balance, core strength, in the person on the horse. It has been shown to benefit children with cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, brain and spinal cord injuries and many other people with movement disorders. Research has shown that the functional ability of these people improves following a course of Hippotherapy and can be maintained over a follow up period. Children with autism and other learning disabilities have also benefitted from this form of therapy

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[www.reach-uk.org](http://www.reach-uk.org)

REACH is a not for profit charity dedicated to assisting disabled people through the use of horses.

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## A Charity Specialising In Equine Assisted Therapy



Rehabilitation, Education & Assessment Centre for Hippotherapy

**Applying  
for a Subsidy**

# To maximise the public benefit REACH operates a subsidy scheme.



Any individual receiving or seeking the services offered by REACH may apply for a subsidy. The maximum subsidy available to any one individual will be 80% of the published price for that service (the Maximum Subsidy). REACH will not test the affordability of any individual. We operate an "honesty system" where the individual is asked to express the level of subsidy they require up to the Maximum Subsidy. Please note by asking for more than you need you may deprive another worthy individual from receiving help.

Unfortunately REACH has a limit to the number of subsidies that it can offer. This is dependant on the affordability at the time of application.

Please complete the following information and hand back to the Clinical Lead. All applications shall be responded to within 45 days.

Name	
Telephone	
Email	
REACH Service	
Duration of Subsidy required	
Level of Subsidy (up to a maximum of 80%)	
Please describe your situation and any other information that may be useful to our Board of Trustees when deciding to award the subsidy	

Please cut here and retain the Terms and Conditions

## Terms and Conditions

- The Subsidy Policy shall be reviewed at least annually;
- The Board of Trustee from time to time will review the maximum level of subsidy that can be granted to individuals. The Maximum Subsidy may increase or decrease following a review and there are no limits to the number of reviews that can take place each year;
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- The Trustees will maximise the subsidy available whilst protecting the sustainable position of the charity. The Total Operating Subsidy shall be set by the Treasurer at the AGM and will vary on an annual basis dependant on predicted fund raising and associated activities;
- The Clinical Lead will report all subsidised activities to the Treasurer on a monthly basis. The Treasurer will make the Board of Trustees aware of current levels of subsidy and provide guidance to the Clinic Lead as to the level of subsidy that can be sustained moving forward;
- Any new subsidy must be approved subject to the next Trustee meeting. Trustees reserve the right to refuse a subsidy without reason.
- The maximum time an individual is allowed to receive a subsidy for the services received is 6 months (the Subsidy Period). An individual may reapply for an additional Subsidy Period but the Trustees reserve the right to refuse a request without reason.
- Where an individual has been awarded a subsidy that is less than the Maximum Subsidy and their situation has changed they may apply for an additional subsidy. Additional Subsidies will be subject to the same application process.
- An individual may release the subsidy awarded (thus allowing more people to benefit) prior to reaching the end of subsidy period.

## Removal of a Subsidy

- Without reason, whilst acting in accordance with its Constitution, The Board of Trustees may reduce or remove a subsidy altogether. This may occur if:
  - Following a review of the Maximum Subsidy the maximum reduces
  - The economic conditions change (e.g. donations or fund raising reduces),
  - If following advice from the Clinical Lead the Board of Trustees feel that there is limited benefit that the individual may receive; or
  - If the Board of Trustees become aware of any wrong doing by the individual receiving benefit that would have jeopardised the original decision to grant the subsidy.
- Where the situation has changed requiring a reduction in the subsidies offered, the Board of Trustees shall apply a fair and open process to aid the reduction of agreed subsidies:
  - Not renewing subsidies following the end of the subsidy period
  - By reducing all subsidies to an affordable level, or
  - Any other such mechanism they feel is fair and reasonable.
- Where a subsidy has been reduced or removed the Board of Trustees will write to the individual notifying them of its decision and providing 1 months' notice. The individual may decide to cease receiving the services at this point or pay the difference between the old and new subsidy level.