

Guidelines for self-funding Bobath therapy for adults and children in Scotland

Our aim is to be up-front, transparent and consistent in the advice we give service users and their families who would like to self-fund or raise funds for therapy. As a charity we also must ensure that all guidelines comply with OSCR and other legal obligations.

All funds raised for the treatment of a particular individual will be classed as “restricted funds”. A restricted fund will only be drawn down when the individual concerned receives treatment.

Any restricted fund will be reviewed after 12 months of its creation. If no further treatment has taken place after a further 12 months, the trustees reserve the right to re-designate the funds to general charitable purposes.

We cannot return donations to a donor once they have been made.

We cannot transfer a donation made by a donor to Bobath Scotland to a third party. This includes the patient’s or family’s account.

As a charity we must abide by legislation that governs how money is raised and what it can be spent on. We have therefore drawn up the following guidelines:

- It should be clear to donors to any fund whether the money is specifically for an individual’s therapy or whether it is for the benefit of Bobath Scotland. If on a fundraising page/literature/letter all references are to the charity and no mention is made of the individual the auditors and OSCR state that no restriction is stated and so the donation will be unrestricted.
- Donations can only be used for Bobath Scotland’s charitable purposes; in this case treatment.
- If you are thinking about raising money for things associated with treatment, for example travel and accommodation costs, we advise that you set up a separate account.
- Donations made for associated costs should not be given to the charity and cannot be refunded afterwards.

Bobath Scotland will:

- Provide an initial free assessment appointment to children and adults who have not been seen here previously or who have not attended for a long time. The need for an assessment appointment will be evaluated by the Therapy team.
- Families of children will continue to be asked to raise £1500 to contribute towards their child’s block.
- Adults will be asked to cover the full cost of treatment (currently £130 per therapist per hour) unless they choose to join the Helping Hands scheme and commit to paying £750 for up to 10 sessions to be taken in one financial year (1st April – 31st March). A treatment plan will be agreed in advance or after a first assessment.
- Consultations can be offered for example to assist service users in a decision-making process when considering different therapy approaches; to address specific questions regarding timing of intervention or intervention options and prognosis; to provide service users with immediate/emergency practical assistance in specific management issues. Consultations cost £130 per therapist per hour and usually cover 2 hours including a short report.
- Bobath Scotland will reserve the right to review the cost of treatment on an annual basis.
- Bobath Scotland will ultimately abide by the decision of OSCR and the independent auditor as to whether funds are restricted or for general use.

If you have any queries, please contact Stephanie Fraser, CEO, Bobath Scotland.