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## Wizzybug Loan Scheme

### Organisation details

#### Description of activity

Wizzybug is a fun, innovative powered wheelchair provided FREE of charge to young children in the UK by Designability a charity based in Bath.

Who is Wizzybug designed for?

Wizzybug is designed for physically disabled children. This includes children living with cerebral palsy, spinal muscular atrophy, spina bifida or muscular dystrophy, as well as children with amputations or other conditions that affect their ability to walk.

Wizzybug is intended for pre-school children of minimum age 14 months and a maximum weight of 20 kg.

How can Wizzybug be used?

Wizzybug is an electrically powered wheelchair for indoor and outdoor use, with adult supervision. Children use Wizzybugs at home and at pre-school, and in outdoor spaces such as parks, gardens and playgrounds.

Wizzybug can be used every day or just occasionally, but is not intended to be used all day, every day. Through the loan scheme a child can have a Wizzybug for as long as it is suitable for them (usually until they outgrow it) when it is returned to Designability to be refurbished ready for another child to enjoy.

How can I apply?

Families can apply for a Wizzybug direct via the application on the website here. Appointments are held at our HQ in Bath, and at our partner's clinics at William Merritt Centre, Leeds and Mae Murray Foundation, Northern Ireland.

Our clinics are open Monday – Friday 9-5pm. They have disabled parking, disabled access and baby changing facilities. All our trained OTs have enhanced DBS clearance and our admin and support staff have basic DBS clearance.

Email address: [wizzybug@designability.org.uk](mailto:wizzybug@designability.org.uk)

Families on low-income who may need support with the cost of attending their Wizzybug appointment can apply to our Access Fund for assistance.

### Contact details

#### Contact name

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#### Email address

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#### Website

<http://designability.org.uk/meet-wizzybug/>

### Social media links

#### X link

<http://twitter.com/DesignabilityUK>

#### Facebook link

<http://www.facebook.com/DesignabilityUK>

### Address details

**Building name**

Designability

**Address 1**

Department D1

**Address 2**

Wolfson Centre

**Address 3**

Royal United Hospital

**Town**

Bath

**County**

Somerset

**Postcode**

BA1 3NG

**Accessibility****Accessible building**

Yes

**Accessible toilets**

Yes

**Parking facilities**

Yes

**Dietary needs catered for**

Yes

**Staff have specialist training**

Yes

**Availability details****Days and times of activity / opening**

<b>Monday</b>	from 9am	to 5pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	from 9am	to 5pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	from 9am	to 5pm
<b>Thursday</b>	from 9am	to 5pm
<b>Friday</b>	from 9am	to 5pm

**When is the activity or service available**

All Year Round

**How to access the service/activity**

Pre-book |

**Description of eligibility or referral criteria and pathways (if applicable)**

When filling out the application form the eligibility will be checked before booking an appointment with the handover team.

**Does a parent / carer need to stay on premises during activity**

Yes

**Is there a cost for this service or activity**

No

**Taking part if you are a child or young person with additional needs or a disability.**

### **How can a child or young person with SEND take part in this activity**

A child benefits hugely from this service. The Wizzybug enables children with physical disabilities to have independence where it many otherwise not be possible.

## **Who to contact for more information about inclusion and accessibility**

### **Email address**

wizzybug@designability.org.uk

### **Phone**

01225 824103

## **Age range**

### **Age of users**

From 0 years to 5 years

## **Additional useful information to download**

### **File attachments**

- Designability Logo (JPEG Image, 458 KB)
- Wizzybug (JPEG Image, 3.27 MB)

## **Location Map**