



# Health & Social Care Moray

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To whom this may concern

Please see the following reasons as to why as Ellie's Named Person I am supporting Ellie's parents with their request to obtain planning permission to build a purpose built accommodation in order to meet Ellie's growing needs:

I am sure your organisation is very aware of the following:

Artical 27 no 1,

"State parties recognise the rights of every child to a standard of living adequate to the child's physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development".

Artical 27 no 3,

"in accordance of national conditions and within their means shall take appropriate measures to assist parents and others responsible for the child to implement this right and shall in case of need provide material assistance and support programmes particularly with regard to clothing and housing"

For Ellie's social, emotional and physical needs to be met in accordance to GIRFEC and SHANARRI Ellie needs the following:

- Wheel chair access to property
- Adequate space within the house for her to move around safely and be moved around the house safely.
- Property large enough to accommodate Ellie's equipment, this will only increase as she grows for example her wheel chair, her feeding chair, standing frame, sleep system etc. These pieces of equipment will increase in size as Ellie grows and gets older.
- Bathroom that's accessible and fit for purpose to meet Ellie's current personal care needs, adaptable enough to meet her personal care needs as she matures and grows. Also providing Ellie to maintain her dignity and respect.
- Access to all areas in the property so that Ellie can be included in all aspects of family life.
- Ellie needs access to safe secure out door space to promote her development and to allow her to take part in fun family time with her sibling.
- Ellie would benefit from hoists within the property as this will help with safe transfer of Ellie into a shower or bath as well as allow Ellie should she be able



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to in the future promote her independence in this area. Ellie's parents currently have to lift Ellie up and down stairs to her bed this place Ellie at risk as her parents need two hands to lift her. It also places a very real physical strain on Ellie's parents as Ellie is growing and getting heavier.

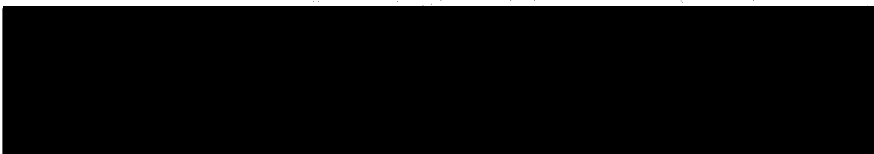
- The house would be better on the one level (but this will depend on size of plot)
- Ellie's care needs will continue to change as she gets older and will only increase as Ellie is entirely depend on her parents for all her needs, this will only increase in the future.
- Ellie would possibly benefit from shelter when transferring from house to car and car to house.

To conclude the information provided, although Ellie is now 3 years 9 months Ellie is fed by her parents, registered blind and entirely dependent on her parents for all her needs for example, Ellie is fed, she is played with, she is changed and her movements are restricted in all four limbs which require her parents to dress and undress her.

Ellie's communication is very limited and her parents anticipate all her needs and wants. Ellie also has epilepsy.

Ellie also has numerous professionals involved in her life. This is not normal for a child her age, Ellie's health needs remain as complex as they did when she was born. In my opinion her parents are doing a fantastic job and love her to bits. They do not need yet another fight on their hands to ensure they provide a safe comfortable house for their child. They would like to stay within the local area where they have lived for a number of years and feel part of the community. Where they have friends and professionals who are aware of Ellie's history and the family's story. This would ensure that they do not have to keep repeating it should they have to relocate as the current is not suitable. Ellie is also under MIDAS and any one of the professionals can provide further information should this be required.

Yours sincerely



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Health Visitor

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