

Skills for Care's funding makes a real difference to the life of woman with cerebral palsy

We recently funded a team of personal assistants (or carers) to attend postural support training, so that they could better meet the needs of their employer, Julie, who has cerebral palsy.

As Julie's disability developed, her physiotherapist raised concerns about the worsening condition of her posture. Julie's body was becoming distorted and her body started to tilt in her wheelchair.

Originally, training for Julie's personal assistants (PAs) was funded by her local day centre. However, as new carers started, the responsibility for training passed over to her Mum.

By applying for Skills for Care's individual employer funding, Julie was able to put two of her PAs on a postural care course delivered by trained physiotherapists.

Julie's Mum, Margaret, says

'I was so thrilled when we got the funding for two new carers'.

Since attending the course that was funded by Skills for Care, Julie has really benefitted and her shape has improved. Julie's PAs also feel more confident when supporting her. One carer says:

'This information is so useful because it could help a huge range of people'.



If you employ your own personal assistants, you can apply for funding for training for you and your staff. Apply now www.skillsforcare.org.uk/iefunding