

THE MEDICALERT EARLY START PROGRAMME

WHAT IS THE EARLY START PROGRAMME?

In 2019 we celebrated 55 years of MedicAlert in the U.K. which has been generously funded by Lions Clubs donations. MedicAlert supports any-one with a serious medical condition but the Early Start Programme is aimed specifically at the younger generation.

The latest information that I have is to celebrate our centenary, MedicAlert provided match funding and jointly this has resulted in 145 children being awarded a place on the Early Start Programme.

What this does is to give the child and their families peace of mind that MedicAlert membership provides, at no charge, until their 10th. Birthday and allows them to live fuller lives and enjoy their childhood.

MedicalAlert Membership.

Provides quick and reliable information in the event of a medical emergency which could be key to providing life - saving treatment.

The joint aim is to always to award places on the Lions Early Start Programme at no cost to those children in need.

Since the launch in 2013 applications for the Early Start Programme have increased year on year. Since the end of the of the Lion's centenary year, more than 47 children from across the country have applied for and been allocated a place on the Early Start Programme and so demonstrates the ongoing need for younger people.

This funding, whereby MedicAlert will add a £1 to every £2 raised by Lions to support The Early Start Programme was only going to run until the end of July 2020.

Having emailed the coordinator to ask if this programme was to be extended owing to the lockdown I'm pleased to report that this is now being extended to the end of this year 2020.

I would be grateful to hear from any Lions Clubs that are partaking in the scheme and if you require any further information then please contact me.

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