

Case Study - Kirk

Kirk has athetoid cerebral palsy as a result of a birth injury. He was brought up by his family, and in his early 20s went to live in a SCOPE hostel with his own one bedroomed flat. He is unable to do anything for himself as a result of his constant movement, he cannot speak easily, and has difficulty making himself understood.

When he was 28 years old, his father approached a solicitor to ask for compensation. Rehab Without Walls was involved shortly afterwards, with the challenge of finding and arranging the adaptation of accommodation and setting up a care regime within three years. We moved Kirk into his own home for his 30 th birthday, with a team of directly employed carers, environmental controls, regular physiotherapy and his own adapted Mercedes Vito.

Four years later we are still case managing; some of the carers and the case manager have changed, but the service to Kirk has continued. He is now looking at moving house to be nearer to his parents and we will again help with the adaptations and finding another care team. Both ourselves and Kirk have learned a lot over the past 7 years, and the new house and new team will be different from before. Kirk however, will always be able to rely on our case management team for support.