

**Opportunity Fund Policy** 

### 1. Purpose

- a. Diversified is committed to making our services inclusive and accessible to all families. We do this by ensuring that we keep our service fees as low as possible to provide specialised support at an affordable cost. By fundraising, we are able to minimise the cost to families.
- b. We recognise that there may be times when families need additional financial support to be able to access our services. In these instances we are happy to accept an application from families for us to provide a funded place, removing barriers and enabling a young person to attend our services.

#### 2. Criteria

a. We can consider a funded place in our services for a range of circumstances. This process is individualised and is provided on a case by case basis.

#### 3. Process

- a. In the first instance, please contact our team at <a href="mailto:support@diversified.org.uk">support@diversified.org.uk</a> making us aware of your individual circumstances. This information is kept confidential.
- b. Our team reviews applications for funded places on a case by case basis.
- c. We aim to notify families within 7 days with a decision.

## 4. Limitations

- a. Our Opportunity Fund has limited funds, and we may not be able to support every family.
- b. We aim to prioritise support to those who require the most need.
- c. Support may be removed if the young person does not utilise the funded place.
- d. Funded places are not indefinite and may be capped to allow support for other families.
- e. Funded places are subject to having funding available and availability within our services.

# 5. Support

a. We will help families to access ongoing financial support, including any entitlement to disability or low income benefits, enabling longer term financial support.

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