



CASE STUDY

Matthew

Matthew is 12 years old (at time of writing) and has had Nephrotic Syndrome since he was very young, this condition has been very difficult to manage and he has suffered many relapses. His specialists have tried many different treatments however they have not managed to keep him in remission for long and he is expected to progress to end-stage renal failure eventually. In a last attempt to stabilise his condition and delay dialysis he was started on a treatment which has many side effects including, vomiting, tiredness, hand, finger and back pain. This has meant that Matthew frequently misses school and spending time with his friends. His family and social worker thought that a laptop computer would help Matthew as he would be able to cope better at school and home with his school work and would be able to keep in touch with friends and use it for 'Fun' personal use.

This was something that we definitely wanted to help with as we felt Matthew deserved to have something just for him to enable him to engage in his normal routine even when he is feeling poorly or frustrated at his condition. We have heard from Matthew's social worker that the laptop has been a real lift for Matthew and he is enjoying keeping in touch with friends and also being able to keep up with school work from home.