Maisy

Maisy is a young person from Essex who mainly accesses Soundabout's online provision due to her complex medical needs meaning she is unable to leave her house.

Maisy is supported by her mother Sophie, as her full-time carer, as well as her sister, Poppy.

Maisy, Sophie and Poppy are keen to attend as many virtual Soundabout sessions as possible in order to reduce their feelings of isolation as a family, as well as to stimulate engagement and enjoyment with Maisy through musical interactions supported by Soundabout practitioners.

Sophie told us:

> **"Maisy is mostly housebound now during the winter months due to recurrent infections so she misses out on so many festivities so these online sessions have become her lifeline and helps her to still be a part of the outside world and things she enjoys in a way she can and the perfect way that she can connect to her friends still so thank you....**
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> **Honestly, without charities like yourselves, I'm not sure what Maisy's life would be like. The virtual world is a preferred world for Maisy now. Her health is deteriorating, sadly meaning that her safe and happy place and space is at home but knowing that opportunities are still there for her to be able to interact with others and give her the quality of life I've always strived to give her, means the absolute world!**
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> **So many people don't realise how important these sessions are and what impact they have on her day-to-day."**

“The transitioning to adults has been a real eye opener and so traumatic, it frightens me that society and certain individuals still do not see inclusion for all.

It’s a scary reality for Maisy's future and so it is incredibly comforting to find people who work so hard to find things that are inclusive and that are accessible to all with no limitations, like Soundabout.

You SEE Maisy as a person, as an individual and show her respect and dignity with every interaction. That means so much.

Every sound, breath, and movement she makes means something who so many ignore, but even through a screen, you guys embrace those and instantly puts value on her existence and participation as a person, an individual and as a human being.

I will always be so very grateful to you all for that.”