

# CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY PROSTHETICS Case study 4



## Edward\* – Age 5

*Unilateral congenital limb disorder*

**Edward was born with a unilateral congenital limb disorder. He currently has an Ossur Cheetah explore junior leg with a carbon fibre blade. At five years old he is one of the youngest recipients to receive an activity limb.**

Edward's parent discovered their son's disability after he was born as it was not detected during the ante-natal scans. Although this was a shock to the family they were assured by a very good surgeon that Isaac's quality of life would be full. The family found this the hardest part of their journey, they had many questions about what he would be able to do. Would he be able to play football, ride a bike or even climb a tree.

Edward has struggled a little with other children's questions but he has a supportive family who have helped him with those awkward moments.

Since acquiring his activity limb, Edward has increased his participation in all areas of his life. The family are now able to go for long walks together and plan a whole day out. Edward enjoys running, scooting and recently learnt to ride his bicycle.

Edward participates in many activities including weekly swimming and football lessons. He regularly joins in at the LimbPower Games where he enjoys trying all new activities and making friends with children who have to tackle the same sort of problems as he does.

Access to an activity limb has increased Edward's confidence and well being. He is far more active and willing to join in with other children. The family benefit from having more freedom and having a happy five year old in the house.



*\*Please note that the names of the children have been changed to protect their identities.*

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