

Child and Family Nurse Specialist - Pre/Post Bereavement Team

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Who are we

The child and family bereavement team, covering the county of Lincolnshire. We are a qualified team, adhering to professional standards and codes of ethics, which includes child and family bereavement nurse specialists with play specialist and youth worker.

What we do

We help children and young people, under the age of 19 years old, and their families in understanding their thoughts and feelings as they navigate the impact of illness and bereavement whilst offering a confidential safe space.

We do this through active listening, offering emotional support and the use of creative therapeutic techniques, encouraging children and young people to express themselves. The service enables families to talk to someone, completely impartial, who is not directly involved in their care.

How to Make a Referral

We accept referrals from any professionals who know of families who meet our service criteria. Families meeting our criteria can also refer themselves via telephone.

Please contact the service prior to referral.

A referral form MUST be completed. Families must have given consent prior to referrals being made. Referrals can be posted or e-mailed to: ulth.cfns@nhs.net

Criteria

- Child with a palliative or end of life diagnosis.
- Children or young people who have a parent, guardian or sibling with a terminal illness and prognosis of less than one year.
- Bereaved children and young people, following the death of a parent, guardian or sibling.

Please note the service is unable to offer

The service is unable to provide individual support for the following:

- Families experiencing grief due to stillbirth or miscarriage.
- Families grieving the death of an extended family member (e.g. grandparent aunt or uncle).
- Adults with non-palliative oncology diagnosis or long-term conditions.
- Families affected by separation or divorce.

How we work

We are an integral part of the Community Children's Nursing Services working closely with other professionals involved with the child, including other children's agencies and organisations.

Visits are arranged in the family home, schools or other locations within the community. The service is available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, excluding bank holidays.

Other services

Other services are available to ULTH Children's Community staff, including supervision, training and debriefs.

The team also offer telephone support, information and signposting for other professionals needing advice on child bereavement, plus teaching and education around this subject.

Contact Details

Child and Family Nurse Specialist – Pre/Post Bereavement Team

Children's Community Services

Kingfisher Unit

Grantham & District Hospital

Manthorpe Road

Lincolnshire, NG31 8DG

Telephone 01476 464259

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Confidentiality

Everyone working within the NHS has a legal duty to keep information about any individual person confidential. We usually ask before sharing any necessary information, however, in certain circumstances we can share it without permission, for example, if we are concerned about the safety of that individual, or family members.

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