

## What Happens?

Once assessment has been carried out, we will be able to plan the appropriate service to suit the individual needs of the child/young person who has been referred. This may include:

- One to One Support.
- Group Support.
- Family support - whilst the main aim of the service is to provide pre and post bereavement support to children and young persons, the service also provides support to the adult members of the family who may need help in dealing with their children.

## Cost of Care

There is no charge for this Service to you, your family or your referral source. It is available to everyone on the basis of need.

Whilst 'Healing Hearts' work in collaboration with other services, e.g Youthlife ,Cruse, Action for Children etc, Foyle Hospice is an Independent Registered Charity depending on the ongoing support of the community in the north-west.

Further information is available from the Childrens' and Young Persons' Facilitator, Michelle Kosky at 028 71 351010 or via email [michellekosky@foylehospice.com](mailto:michellekosky@foylehospice.com)



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### Mission Statement

To provide compassionate palliative care to individuals with a life-limiting illness, their families and carers through high quality, specialist, holistic support.

### Vision Statement

Working in collaboration with our supportive community, we will strive for excellence and seek innovation in providing specialist, multi professional, palliative care to patients, their families and carers in the hospice and in their own homes.

### Find out more

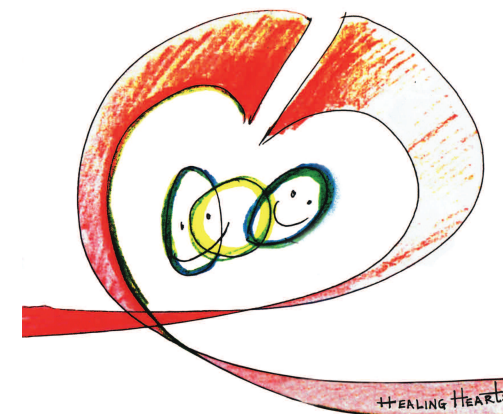
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## Healing Hearts

### Children's & Young Persons' Bereavement Service



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# Healing Hearts

## Children's & Young Persons' Bereavement Service

Healing Hearts provides specialist bereavement support for any child or young person, aged 4-16 years, who have experienced the death of someone close to them regardless of the cause. We also provide support for young people when a significant adult in their lives is dying i.e. pre-bereavement support.

### Aims of the Service

- To offer a freely available, open door service to bereaved children/young persons and their families.
- Support bereaved children and young persons in managing the impact of their grief and loss.
- Help bereaved children and young persons discover a positive way through their grief and loss.
- Assist bereaved children and young persons in such a way that they are able to move forward to a future without their loved one.
- Offer pre bereavement support for patients and their families.



### How to access the Service

Referrals can be made in several ways:

- General Practitioner (GP)
- District Nurse
- Foyle Hospice Community Specialist Nursing Team
- School
- Palliative Care Team
- Self- Referral

Referral forms can be downloaded from the Foyle Hospice website at the following link: [www.foylehospice.com/services/childrenyoung\\_persons\\_support\\_service](http://www.foylehospice.com/services/childrenyoung_persons_support_service)

Once your referral has been received we will be in contact to make an appointment to carry out an assessment in the home. If you prefer an appointment can be made for you to attend the Hospice for the first assessment meeting.

Following this appointment future visits with the child/young person can be at home, in school (with the permission of the school) or within the Hospice.



### The Role of the Children and Young Person Facilitator

- To provide appropriate support, information and education to help children/young persons and families understand death and what it means to them. This might include signposting or referring to other agencies, e.g. Youthlife or Action for Children.
- To provide opportunities to understand thoughts and fears and to express grief in a range of ways within a safe and confidential environment.
- To help children and families find ways to remember the person who has died and to incorporate those memories into future lives.
- To help families to communicate with and encourage each other as they deal with the impact of death.
- To provide opportunities for children and families to meet other people with similar experiences.
- To maintain an open door policy which allows children and families to access the service more than once at any time when needs arise.

