



Spring Newsletter 2023



Jessie May
Children's Hospice at Home

Welcome to our Spring edition of the Jessie May Newsletter!

Welcome to a new year with Jessie May. As CEO I have been impressed by the dedication of the team over the past few months and also delighted that we have been able to get together in person. After the past years of lockdown, the return of our in-person activities is welcome for our families and staff alike.

The launch of our 5 year strategy is an important part of the upcoming months as we make our vision a reality.

In the current tough economic climate we are very grateful for the supporters who continue to raise money for us. This enables us to provide more specialist nursing care to more families in need.

Daniel Cheesman, CEO



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A new strategy and a chance to celebrate

On Thursday 1 st September, Jessie May held a special celebration day at Bristol Zoo. Joined by families, supporters, trustees and staff, it presented a fabulous opportunity for a first in-person meeting since COVID and a chance to give thanks to this unique charity.

The event marked the retirement of CEO Chris Roys after 17 years at the helm, and gave new CEO Daniel Cheesman the opportunity to set out the new 5 Year Strategy for the charity.

The new 5-year strategy 'No Place Like Home' sets out the 2022 – 2027 aims for the charity and encompasses 6 key objectives. The overarching vision for Jessie May is that all children and young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions are supported to have the very best quality of life possible, and to choose to live, and to die, in their own homes with their families.

To read a copy you can download it via the website.

<https://jessiemay.org.uk/news/our-publications/>



Meet our nurse, Lois


"I often tell people I have the best job in the world"

A visit to a family will generally last around 3 hours. The parents will do a quick handover, so we can take full responsibility for their child's medical care and wellbeing for the duration of the visit.

The children we look after have a wide range of conditions. Some of them need more complex nursing care than others. Some of them need to be given medicine – that's where our specialist nursing training is important.




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We don't only offer nursing care, we care holistically and this can include playing, learning, getting out and about and of course cuddles and emotional support. The key is that the parents can leave us for a few hours, take a much needed break from the constant care they give to their child, and have total confidence in us to manage that care in their absence. Every child is different, each one has his or her own character. So much of the job is learned together as we go along – we learn a lot from the parents and the other nurses.

A lot of our work is supporting parents in terms of advice and emotional support, either in person or over the phone. We provide end of life and bereavement support, and families in those situations are given priority. The bereavement support continues for five years after the child has died.

The nurses get to know the children and form bonds with them. There are sad times. But my job is also full of so much joy. Delivering child-centred care, specific to each individual child's needs, enables us to make a difference for the whole family and helps the quality of life for the children. It is so rewarding just to be able to spend time with them.



How you can help

Join #teamjessie and take part in an event. Our website now has a new events calendar which makes it really easy to see what challenges are available to sign up for over the year.

Take a look at <https://jessiemay.org.uk/upcoming-events/>

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