

Get help from the hospice

If your child or family are looking to access specialised nursing care or bereavement support, ask your GP, Community Paediatrician or Lead Nurse to complete the referral form on our website.

Or for GP's and medical professionals; please refer a child or family you support directly - via the form on the site.

[Click here for referrals](#)

What happens next?

Your referral will be reviewed by the care team, and an initial **acknowledgement will be made within 14 days.**

We will arrange a visit to your home or hospital to meet you and your child and together look at how we can best support.

If the referral is urgent, as end of life care support is required – please phone our Care Team on **0117 9582172** once you have made the referral to highlight the request so that we can action urgently.

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Children's Hospice at Home

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Welcome to Jessie May, We're the children's hospice at home

Jessie May supports families and children in the South West with life limiting or life threatening conditions. Our specialist nurses care for children in their home, support families, and advocate for children who can't speak for themselves. The Jessie May community provides a unique layer of support and understanding from families who have walked a similar path.

Together, we help create moments of joy and memories for families to look back on when they need them most.



How does that help?

Jessie May children have a special relationship with our care team. They take trips to the park, get creative with a painting session, or enjoy a story telling session, all with the wrap-around medical care our nurses provide.

Parents of Jessie May children can take time out of their caring responsibilities, knowing that they're leaving their child in the best possible hands. Sometimes they just need to rest.

Siblings can have some rare one-to-one time with their parents. For these children, being picked up from school by their mum or dad is a rare treat.

Isn't that support provided by the NHS?

There's a postcode lottery in statutory funding for children's palliative care. In many areas, provision is poor or non-existent. Last year, half of children's hospices saw their funding from the NHS fall, even as the costs of running services are rising. Unpredictable funding can mean that services struggle to plan effectively, making the issue worse.

There are currently almost 50,000 children with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions and their families living in UK postcodes where a service like Jessie May's doesn't exist.

So where is Jessie May support available?

We currently work in Bristol, Bath, North East Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Swindon and Wiltshire.

Why is it called Jessie May?

Jessie May was founded by parents Chris and Philippa Purrington following the death of their baby daughter, Jessica May, in September 1994, aged four and a half months. Jessie May died at home, in her father's arms, peacefully and with dignity.

The Jessie May Trust was created to give children and families in this region access to that dignity too.

