

# Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice

'living with love and laughter'

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Wood**  
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE



# Background

- The hospice charity began in 1998 after the death of 11 year old Richard Cooper, who died peacefully at home.
- Bluebell Wood opened its doors in 2008.
- Currently supports around 250 families.
- Costs over £4 million a year, of which only 10% is from statutory government funding.



# Who do we help?

- Cares for children and young adults with life shortening conditions and complex medical needs.
- South Yorkshire, North Nottinghamshire, North Derbyshire and North Lincolnshire.
- Care provided up until the age of 25.



# How do we help?

- Medical input
- Short breaks at the hospice and in the home
- Day care
- End of life care
- End of life suites
- Support for family
- Counselling
- Befriending
- Therapists- music, physio, play



# Daycare

- Offered to children who meet criteria and are too young for school or who can't attend school due to medical needs.



# Short break in the hospice

- 8 bedrooms and accommodation for family members
- Lounge and dining areas
- Sensory room
- Messy play area
- Cinema room
- Jacuzzi





# End of life care

- Provide medical and nursing support in the hospice or home setting.
- Symptom Management
- Emergency Care



# End of life suites

- Two purpose-built suites 'Primrose' and 'Forget me not'.
- Give parents a chance to spend time with their child.
- Access practical help and support from hospice team.





# Support

- Sibling support
- Parent and grandparent group
- Befriending service
- Young adults group
- Bereavement workshops
- Counselling
- Complementary therapies



# Medical input

- Led by Dr Anton Mayer
- Assist with symptom control, assisting with drawing up the LOTA, supporting care at home.
- End of life care in hospice or home
- 2 weekly visits at home/clinic
- On call service
- Assist with transition process
- 2 Non medical prescribers

# Referral

- New referrals accepted up until 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Panel meeting.
- Referrals to hospice for short breaks can be made by parents, carers, paediatrician, GP, Health Visitor, CCN's, Social worker and school.
- Referral to medical team is by medical/surgical team only.
- Referral forms can be found on the Bluebell Wood website.
- Telephone numbers:
- General enquiries-01909 517360
- Care Enquiries- 01909 517369

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