



What is the Childhood Bereavement Network?

The Childhood Bereavement Network (CBN) is a multi-professional, national network of organisations who work in various settings with bereaved children, their families and other caregivers. It involves and is actively supported by all the major bereavement care providers in the UK.

CBN subscribers share a commitment to working in partnership to achieve the network's mission and aims.

Mission

The Childhood Bereavement Network seeks to ensure that all children and young people in the UK, together with their families and other caregivers, including professional carers, can easily access a choice of high quality local and national information, guidance and support to enable them to manage the impact of death on their lives.

Aims

- To develop the Childhood Bereavement Network as a mechanism, resource, partnership and advocate
- To improve the range and quality of bereavement support available to children and young people, their families and other caregivers, including professional carers, to include the needs of minority ethnic children, disabled children and those with learning difficulties
- To increase access to information, guidance and support services

CBN functions as a resource, with its network of subscribers providing a range of bereavement support services throughout the UK.

Why subscribe to CBN?

By subscribing to CBN, you can support and be involved in the development of a coordinated strategy to ensure that all children can access the help they need to manage the impact of death on their lives. Within CBN, you can work in partnership with other subscribers to create a resource, achieve a consensus and develop guidance on key issues such as child protection, research and equal access.

CBN welcomes subscription from all professionals working with or having an interest in bereaved children. Current CBN subscribers include organisations such as hospices, schools, charities and training groups, and individuals such as social workers, faith leaders, funeral directors and counsellors.

What you will receive as a subscriber

- CBN Resource pack
- CBN List of Subscribers: updated annually, this directory of CBN subscribers will help you to network
- CBN Bulletin: a six monthly newsletter keeping you informed of the Network's work, policy changes and other news
- CBN email bulletin: a roundup of news, training opportunities, funding, resources and policy
- Networking events: an annual programme of events
- Discounted CBN resources including postcards and videos
- Discounted membership to the National Children's Bureau

CBN Consultation Forum

In all of its work, CBN is committed to working in partnership and consultation with service providers and other interested parties. Open communication and proactive liaison with CBN subscribers is crucial in achieving consensus on key issues and enabling collective action. To create a cost effective mechanism for consultation, we have established a discrete Consultation forum within CBN. If you would like to be involved in the consultation process, either as an individual or as a spokesperson on behalf of your organisation, please tick the box overleaf.

CBN Directory of Open Access Services

CBN subscribers offering open access services (to bereaved children, whatever the cause of death) can be listed in our online directory at www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk a public tool for signposting potential users and referrers to accessible local support. If you would like to be sent a registration form to inclusion in the Directory, please tick the box overleaf

How to subscribe

To subscribe to the Childhood Bereavement Network, all applicants are asked to pay an annual subscription and to endorse the Network's Mission and Aims, the Belief Statement and the Guidelines for Good Practice. These Guidelines provide a model framework for best practice. To subscribe to the Network, applicants are simply asked to endorse these guidelines and it is not necessary to have them all in place at the time of application.

Subscription costs £40 per year for organisations and £15 per year for individuals.

