

Winston's Wish Partnership: Developing and Extending Services for Parents of Bereaved Children

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Themes

NCB promotes the voices, interests and well-being of all children and young people across every aspect of their lives. Current and planned work focuses on the six strategic themes. This project relates to the following themes:

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- promoting participation and young citizenship;
 - communicating positive attitudes and images;
 - improving social and economic opportunities;
 - **enhancing health and well-being;**
 - celebrating diversity, valuing difference;
 - developing safe and positive environments;
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Project summary

Our overall aim is to improve and strategically extend the provision of high quality information, guidance and support services to parents of bereaved children and young people throughout England.

Our overall objective is to disseminate models of good practice widely through the Childhood Bereavement Network (CBN) - the national umbrella body in the sphere of bereavement care for children and families, utilising the expertise and resources of CBN member organisations and other connected networks and agencies.

We will do this through:

Awareness (for example, newsletters, print and web-based resources).
Understanding (for example, seminars, training and conferences).
Action (for example, pilot projects and models developed).
Embedding (for example, policies, practices and procedures).

Project outcomes

Increased parenting provision:

Through the dissemination of models of good practice, we will help to ensure that more support is available to more bereaved parents at a local community level and tailored to their specific needs.

A strategic approach to provision:

We are keen to ensure that bereavement support is recognised and integrated into policy and practice for parenting support nationally and locally.

A strengthened sector infrastructure:

Through increased partnership working, awareness raising and shared learning, this project will strengthen the networks of support available to parents of bereaved children across the voluntary and statutory sectors.

Increased provision and access for groups currently less well served:

Through being able to draw on the experience and expertise of diverse child bereavement organisations already running or piloting services for parents less well served, we are confident that we will be able to maximise on the funding within the time constraints and increase provision for less well-served groups.

Main beneficiaries/target audiences

Professionals working with bereaved children; Parents of bereaved children; Bereaved children and young people.

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