

About the project

In the UK, when a baby or child dies, or a child is bereaved, many of those affected are unable to access good quality support which meets their individual needs.

Child Bereavement UK believes all families should have the support they need to rebuild their lives when a child grieves or when a child dies. Our mission is to ensure the accessibility of high quality child bereavement support and information to all families and professionals by increasing our reach and plugging the gaps that currently exist in bereavement support and training.

In September 2016, Child Bereavement UK received three years' funding from MariaMarina Foundation to improve bereavement support in four specific areas across the north of England. We know that bereavement issues are often compounded in areas of socio-economic deprivation, so we will work in Bradford, East Wirral, Manchester and Middlesbrough.

Project aims

- The North Development Project will work in partnership with local education, health and social care services, as well as with other voluntary organisations in the area which encounter bereavement issues.
- We will map the provision of bereavement support and help to set up Networking and Advisory Groups to include members from statutory and voluntary agencies, together with representation from bereaved families. These groups will work together to identify local needs and create pathways of support.
- Where gaps in support for bereaved families are identified, we will work to provide 'drop-in' information and support sessions for families and work with others to train volunteers to provide family group sessions.
- We will work together to provide bereavement awareness training for organisations through in-house training sessions and annual study days in each area.

Public, statutory and voluntary agencies in Bradford, East Wirral, Manchester and Middlesbrough may contact the North Development Team for:



Guidance and information on a wide range of topics and issues



Details about the direct support Child Bereavement UK can offer



Signposting to other organisations which can offer further support

National support

Child Bereavement UK has over 21 years' experience in supporting families and educating professionals when a child dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement. Every year the charity trains more than 8,000 professionals, helping them to better understand and meet the needs of grieving families.

If you are caring for, or are concerned about a bereaved child, our bereavement support team is here to take your call and respond to emails 9 am - 5 pm Monday to Friday.



Call our helpline
0800 02 888 40



Email support
& information

support@childbereavementuk.org

Website

On our website you will find information on a range of issues relating to child bereavement; books and articles; a searchable database of helpful organisations; and details about the support we offer families bereaved by any cause.

www.childbereavementuk.org

Training

A parent of children under 18 dies every 22 minutes in the UK; around 23,600 a year. This equates to around 111 children being bereaved of a parent every day. Many more experience the death of a grandparent or other significant person.

The North Development Project team can offer twilight or inset sessions to schools – either when there has been a bereavement, or simply to raise awareness. We can also assist in the production of a School Bereavement Policy.

We can provide workplace bereavement training to help organisations and employers gain knowledge of how best to support staff and their families.

We can also discuss with you specific training that Child Bereavement UK offers at our dedicated centres and at other venues around the country.

The training has increased my self-confidence and I've gained ideas and tools to work with bereaved children and their families.

Child Bereavement UK
training delegate

Contact us

We have a part-time bereavement support practitioner in each project area, as well as a North Development Project Lead. Please feel free to get in touch:

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Sara, with daughter Charlie

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