



Our strategy for giving children and young people with serious health needs the best chance to thrive. 2018-2023

OUR VISION

For every child and young person living with serious health needs to have the best chance to thrive - properly supported at home with their families.



We believe every child, young person and family must have:

- The opportunity to be cared for at home whenever and wherever possible.
- Access to high quality, appropriate care and services whatever their health needs.
- Involvement in all decisions regarding their care.

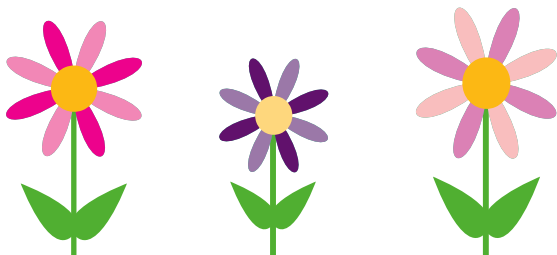
ABOUT WELLCHILD

WellChild is the national charity for seriously ill children, young people and their families. More than 100,000 children and young people are living across the UK with serious illness or exceptional health needs. Many spend months, even years in hospital simply because there is no support enabling them to leave. Meanwhile those who are at home face inconsistent and inadequate levels of support.

Through a UK-wide network of children's nurses, home and garden transformation projects and family support services, WellChild exists to give this growing population of children and young people the best possible chance to thrive – properly supported at home, together with their families.






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HOME IS BEST

PRIORITY 1




Our plan to overcome barriers to hospital discharge.

-  Increase the impact of the WellChild Nurse programme through the creation of further posts – including new and innovative models.
-  Collaborate in the development of a national discharge database – creating a standardised and monitored approach to discharge.
-  Explore the use of digital technology in providing on-demand and dedicated 24/7 support to families at home by WellChild Nurses.

CONFIDENT TO CARE

PRIORITY 2






Our plan to improve the accessibility, quality and consistency of information and training for families.

-  Establish a network of new 'Better At Home' Training Units across the UK.
-  Collaborate in the development of new national training principles for parents, carers and professionals.
-  Explore the use of digital technology in delivering more, improved and co-ordinated training and information resources.

ENABLED TO THRIVE

PRIORITY 3





Our plan to lay the foundations for a safe, stimulating and happy home life for children, young people and their families.

-  Expand the WellChild Helping Hands programme to satisfy growing demand.
-  Enhance support available through the WellChild Family Tree network.
-  Establish a face-to-face emotional support service for families.
-  Collaborate on the provision of further professional support posts for families – including focus on psychological and social care.
-  Explore new support services for rare conditions based on the success of the WellChild Wolfram Syndrome Family Co-ordinator model.

A VOICE & A PRIORITY

PRIORITY 4

Our plan to ensure the needs of families are recognised publicly and at the highest levels.

-  Continue to develop campaigns and projects such as the WellChild Awards and #notanurse_but to increase awareness of key issues.
-  Engage with regional and national child health policy and decision makers.
-  Support and contribute to better national data and understanding of the needs of families.
-  Create a more powerful voice by exploring new, and developing existing, campaigning collaborations.



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