

The End of Life Care Committee

The End of Life Care Committee in Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin promotes and supports good practice in end of life care for children and their families.

The work of the committee is focused on ensuring that end of life care is organised around the needs of children and their families. Members of the committee organise many activities to support the parents and families of children who have died, including bereavement support services, hand/foot prints, memorial booklets and an annual Remembrance Day.

If you have any suggestions or feedback for us about any aspect of end of life care for children and their families, please contact:

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Remember: Ask a staff member if you are unsure about anything.


Additional information

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Information for parents, guardians and visitors on the use of the

End of Life Symbol

Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin

Why is the End of Life symbol used?

The End of Life Symbol is a way to communicate to hospital staff, and visitors to the hospital, that a child is dying or has died.

Being aware of this helps people to:

- interact appropriately with those affected by the child's death and
- create a quiet and respectful atmosphere in the vicinity of the child

The Symbol is used to respectfully identify items or events associated with end of life care.

Where is it the symbol used?

You may see the End of Life Symbol being used:

- On the main entrance to a ward or unit
- At the nurses' station in the ward or unit
- On the door of the child's room if the family is happy for this to be done
- On resources associated with end-of-life care and bereavement.

What does it mean if I see this symbol on a ward?

If you see the End of Life symbol displayed in a ward or unit, please:

- Be respectful
- Avoid loud conversations in the corridor areas of the ward or unit
- Avoid loud mobile phone use in the corridor areas of the ward or unit
- Check with a staff member before entering a room with the End of Life Symbol
- Ask a staff member on the ward or unit if you are unsure about what to do

What does the symbol mean?

This symbol has been developed by the Hospice Friendly Hospitals Programme (HFH).

It is inspired by ancient Irish history and is not associated with any one religion or denomination.

The End of Life Symbol is made up of a white spiral within a white circle on a purple background.

- The 3-stranded white spiral represents the interconnected cycle of life – birth, life and death.
- The white outer circle represents continuity, infinity and completion.
- Purple is associated with nobility, solemnity and spirituality.

