

MEET OUR TEAM

Dr. Mary Devins

Consultant Paediatrician with a Special Interest in Paediatric Palliative Medicine
(based fulltime in CHI at Crumlin)

Dr. Maeve O'Reilly and Dr. Marie Twomey

Consultants in Adult Palliative Medicine,
(who has 2 sessions per week in CHI at Crumlin)

- Liz O'Donoghue
- Imelda Hurley
- Valerie Jennings
- Caoimhe Wade

Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSp).

Specialist Registrar in Adult Palliative Medicine
(who has 2 sessions per week in CHI at Crumlin)

Elizabeth Connolly - Secretary to the team.

We liaise closely with other professionals outside of Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin, in providing the best possible care for your child. These professionals include:

- Clinical Nurse Coordinator for Children with Life Limiting Conditions.
- GP's
- Public health and community nurses.
- Adult Trained Specialist Palliative Care teams in the community.
- Local paediatricians and paediatric units.
- Voluntary organizations including Laura Lynn Hospice, Jack & Jill Foundation etc.

CONTACTING THE PCT

Palliative Care CNSp Team:

- Liz O'Donoghue
- Imelda Hurley
- Valerie Jennings
- Caoimhe Wade

Available Monday to Friday 07:30 – 17:00

01 409 6100 - Bleep 8301

01 409 6985 (answering machine)

A message can be left 24 hours, however if urgent medical attention or advice is needed out of hours, please contact your child's primary medical team.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE PALLIATIVE CARE TEAM

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DEPARTMENT OF PALLIATIVE CARE

Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin

Phone: 01 409 6100



WHY SHOULD MY CHILD BE REFERRED TO THE PCT?

The PCT offers:

- Expert clinical assessment and management of complex symptoms.
- Support when faced with difficult decisions and treatment choices.
- Help deciding where you and your child feels is the best place to receive the care needed. This could be at home, in a hospital local to your home or here in Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin.
- Access to telephone support Monday to Friday.
- Information about local services and support organisations and help in coordinating these services.

Every child and family is different, and the team provides a variety of types of support depending on your needs. The type of support you and your child may need is likely to vary throughout your child's illness. Our involvement in your child's care may be for a few short weeks or for many years.

HOW CAN MY CHILD BE REFERRED TO THE PCT?

Your child's primary consultant can make a referral to the Palliative Care Team. You will be aware of this referral.



WHAT WE DO

Palliative care aims to achieve the best quality of life possible for children and their families living with a life-threatening or life shortening illness.

The Palliative Care (PCT) service at Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin, cares for children and their families from diagnosis or recognition of this type of illness.

We can support you and your child throughout the illness, alongside disease specific treatments.

We work with other teams within Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin, other hospitals, community homecare teams and voluntary services to ensure your child receives the coordinated care they need for their condition. The primary team remains the lead team in caring for your child.