



Keech Hospice Care is the children's hospice for Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Milton Keynes, and the adult hospice for Luton and Bedfordshire.

We're proud to be one of the few hospice charities in the UK that supports and cares for children and adults, and their families.

We provide free, specialist care for people with a life-limiting illness, supporting them to live pain and symptom free, to spend untroubled time with their family and friends, to understand what's happening to them, to stay out of hospital and to make the most of the time they have.

As a hospice, we provide on-going, wide-ranging support that focuses on the whole person; we also extend our support to family and friends as they too are going through a difficult time.

All our staff are trained specifically in the needs of people who have a progressive condition and we offer very individualised care. We can provide a lot of the services and facilities of a hospital but pride ourselves on a more homely and welcoming environment.

It might surprise you to hear only one-third of our care is provided at the hospice itself. Every day, our specialist care teams are in family homes, hospitals, schools and care homes - wherever our support is needed the most and makes the biggest difference.

Our care services include:

- 24 hour advice lines for children and adults
- Day support for children to enjoy specialised play and educational activities
- Hospice stay when specialist support is needed
- Home care to support patients and their families at home
- Bereavement support for family members
- Complementary therapy to help with anxiety, stress or pain
- Art therapy
- Music therapy
- A hydrotherapy swimming pool
- Emotional and practical support
- Wellbeing groups
- Carers support

You can read the stories of some of our patients here:

<https://keech.org.uk/about/patient-stories/>



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As a charity, we need to raise over £7m every year - that's £19,000 every day. We receive support from grant giving trusts and foundations, councils, and individual donors.

Keech also have 38 charity shops around Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Milton Keynes. People donate furniture, clothes, toys, books (and much more!) to our shops that we can then sell to raise money.

We also receive funds from other fundraising events and activities throughout the year, such as our Christmas Market, collections with Smiley Sam, coffee mornings, fun runs, skydives and quiz nights.

Projects like The Short Tail Trail play a part in helping to raise the money needed to keep running Keech Hospice Care and helping more people find out about the services on offer.

As well as 60 smaller sculptures sponsored by schools and community groups, there will be 30 large hare and tortoise sculptures on the trail. In October, when the trail finishes, the large sculptures will be sold a special auction event.

You can find out more about Keech Hospice Care on our website: <https://keech.org.uk/>