



Children's Nursing and Care

If you have a child with a serious or life-limiting illness, you may be wondering how, or even if you can care for them at home. Depending on your child's condition and if clinical care is needed, you will need specialist support from experienced professionals.

Unity's team of paediatric and registered nurses are experienced in delivering the level of specialist and complex care your child will need. This means you can choose to have your child at home without compromising on the quality of care they'll receive.



Why Nurse Your Child at Home

Hospitals are cold, impersonal places. And just being ill can be a frightening experience for a child. It's an emotional and stressful time for everyone. If you have other children to care for, you might have to divide your time between them and the hospital. Our skilled and highly qualified children's nurses provide round-the-clock nursing support, allowing your child to come home to familiar surroundings without compromising on the standards of care.

Unity works closely with the NHS Children's Community Teams, the Demelza hospice, and other health professionals. They are trained to deliver both complex and clinical care in a home setting. Your child will benefit from being a part of family life in a warm and caring environment.

Whether you need long or short term or palliative nursing care for your child, you can be sure the Unity team will give you their full support every step of the way.

What's Involved

If your child is seriously ill and is returning home to be nursed, you will need 24-hour specialist nursing care from professionals who understand the particular needs, not just of the child, but the whole family. Often the children have been in high dependency units, or perhaps they need palliative care and are dependent on life-sustaining equipment.

Unity's paediatric nursing services are delivered by qualified children's nurses and include:

- Respiratory management and ventilation
- Gastrostomy and nasogastric feeding
- Tracheotomy care
- Administering medication
- Epilepsy management
- Head and spinal injury rehabilitation
- Learning disabilities support
- Bowel management
- Palliative care