

How to make a referral to EACH

Eligibility for EACH Bereavement Services Support

Families bereaved of a baby, child or young person who have died as a result of a life threatening or life limiting condition which would have met EACH's eligibility criteria are eligible for bereavement support (see eligibility guidance below). Families who did not access EACH services whilst their child was living with their condition can also be referred to EACH for bereavement support.

Families bereaved of a baby, child or young person, without a pre-existing life threatening or life limiting condition who have died following maximal intensive therapy (PICU or NICU) may also be eligible for bereavement support from EACH. This could include following a sudden event such as self-harm, or a road traffic accident.

Our catchment area covers Norfolk, Suffolk, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire and North, Mid and West Essex.

Family members or a social or health care professional with permission from the family can make a referral to EACH, and can be done so in the following ways:

- **Download** the referral form from our website at www.each.org.uk/refer and return via:
 - email to: each.referrals@nhs.net or
 - post to: Referrals to EACH, Church Lane, Milton CB24 6AB
- **Email** each.referrals@nhs.net and request a referral form
- **Telephone** 01223 800 800 to request a referral form
- **Ask** for a referral form **in person** from an EACH member of staff

Please note:

The referrer is responsible for ensuring that relevant clinical information is provided to ensure prompt decision making. If this is not included, the process will be delayed whilst clarification is sought

All referrals are managed through our weekly multi-professional panel, which determines eligibility for our services. Once eligibility has been established a member of EACH staff will contact the family to provide information about EACH services.

More information is available on our web site – www.each.org.uk/refer

Eligibility Guidance –

Information about the child's diagnosis and cause of death helps to support and expedite decision making. We therefore ask for this information regarding the baby, child or young person's diagnosis/cause of death to determine eligibility.

- Life-threatening conditions
- Life-limiting conditions where premature death is inevitable, but where there may be long periods of intensive treatment aimed at prolonging life and facilitating participation in normal activities.
- Life-limiting conditions which are progressive and without curative treatment options, treatment is exclusively palliative and may extend over many years
- Life-limiting conditions which are irreversible but non-progressive associated with severe disability leading to susceptibility to health complications and the possibility of premature death.
- Children who have not responded to maximal intensive therapy (PICU or NICU) for a variety of conditions may be referred for palliative care support for withdrawal of intensive treatment.