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 Specialist Paediatric Palliative Care (SPCT) service at Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital Crumlin (OLCHC) 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 OLCHC, 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.

Meet Our Team

Dr. Mary Devins
Consultant Paediatrician with a Special Interest in Paediatric Palliative Medicine. Based fulltime in OLCHC.

Dr. Maeve O’Reilly and Dr. Marie Twomey
Consultant’s in Adult Palliative Medicine who have 2 sessions per week in OLCHC.

Liz O’Donoghue, Imelda Hurley, Valerie Jennings, and Jean Fitzsimons.
Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSp).

Specialist registrar in Adult Palliative Medicine who has 2 sessions per week in OLCHC.

Elizabeth Connolly
Secretary to the team.
Why Should My Child Be Referred To The SPCT?

The SPCT 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 OLCHC.
- Access to telephone support Monday to Friday.
- Information about local services and support organizations and help in coordinating these services.

How Can My Child Be Referred To The PCT?

Your child’s primary consultant can make a referral to the Specialist Paediatric Palliative Care (SPPC) team. You will be aware of this referral.

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Contacting The PCT

Palliative Care CNSp Team:

- Liz O’Donoghue
- Imelda Hurley
- Valerie Jennings
- Jean Fitzsimons

Available Monday to Friday 07:30 – 17:00

01-409 6100 bleep 8301
01-409 6985 (answer 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.

The palliative hub is a gateway to information and resources about Palliative Care on the island of Ireland.

http://aiihpc.org/palliative-hub/