

**Northern  
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## **Bereavement**

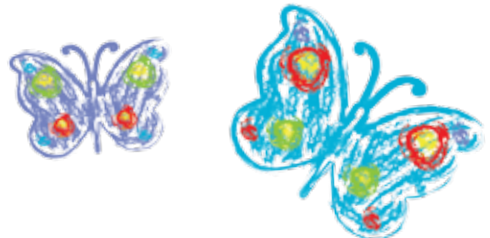
Caring for you and your family following the death of your child is an important part of the service we provide.

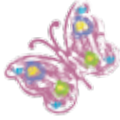
You and your family will all have individual ways of coping and your needs for support will differ from one family member to another.

### **Bereavement support**

As you experience the challenges of grief, we can support you in a flexible, sensitive way. Bereavement support is offered to all families of children and young people who have received our services including siblings, grandparents and the extended family.

If additional psychological support is required, a referral to an appropriate service will be discussed with you or your family member.





## **We support families in a number of ways**

A member of the team will remain in contact with you and your family. They will be available for individual support and will ensure that you are kept aware of the different forms of support available.

You will be invited to create a page in the Memory Book. You can also place a stone with your child's name and date of birth in the Quiet Garden pool.

Families will be invited to meet together to share experiences and to draw on the strength of others through our annual Forget Me Not service and our bereavement support groups.

This support will usually be available to you and your family for up to two years.

For more information, contact the Senior Social Work Practitioner or your key worker.

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