



The
Children's
Cancer
Unit
Charity

Our Services



Caring for Children
Supporting Families
Enriching Care



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Established in 1984, The Children's Cancer Unit Charity is dedicated to delivering the highest standard of care by contributing to the advancement and development of the Children's Cancer and Haematology Unit at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children.

Between 60 and 70 children and young people in Northern Ireland are diagnosed with cancer or a complex blood disorder each year. Every one of them will be treated at the Children's Cancer Unit.

Our mission is to provide the best possible treatment and support for children and young people and their families facing a diagnosis and we are committed to making a positive, lasting impact on every child's cancer journey.

Our Work

We help to provide vital resources for the Children's Cancer Unit and invest in specialised staff, equipment, research and family support services.

Family Support Services

We extend our care to families, recognising that their journey is a shared one.

We do this by providing:

- **Practical and financial aid:** to ease the burdens families may face.
- **Home-from-home comforts:** including pizza and coffee supplies, seasonal treats and visits, fun decorations, toys and games at the Unit.
- **Dedicated breathing space:** a private and comforting space at our HQ for families to meet with members of the hospital team or charity staff.
- **Quality family time:** organising events and opportunities throughout the year, offering families precious moments away from the hospital setting.

Through these services, we aim to ensure that families find some level of comfort, normality and togetherness during their child's cancer journey.



Staffing & Specialised Care

We strive to ensure that children and young people receive the highest level of care they need during their cancer journey by supporting the medical teams involved in their treatment.

We do this in a number of ways:

- We fund specialist staff roles in a range of disciplines.
- We provide support and resources for the wider Unit team, including space to meet away from the hospital at our HQ.
- We fund training and education programmes for the staff to ensure they have the knowledge and skills to provide the best possible care.

Infrastructure

We actively contribute to the funding, development, and enhancement of the physical infrastructure of the Children's Cancer Unit.

This comprehensive support includes:

- **Creating comfortable spaces:** Our efforts encompass the creation of welcoming and comforting spaces such as sensory areas and equipment, play areas and our soon to be family rooms at HQ. These spaces are thoughtfully designed to ensure that hospital appointments and stays are as comfortable as possible.
- **Expanding facilities:** Where possible, we fund the construction of additional rooms and spaces on the ward and in clinic. In the past this has included the creation of two isolation suites, as well as dedicated rooms tailored specifically for teenagers and young adults.

Through these initiatives, we strive to improve the physical environment of the Unit, making it a place of comfort, care, and support.

Equipment

We provide and fund a range of equipment that will benefit children during their cancer journey, both in hospital and at home.

We do this by:

- Investing in essential medical equipment required for the diagnosis and treatment of childhood cancer and complex blood disorders.
- Providing specialised equipment and resources that will support children in preparing for treatment, medical procedures, etc, including our ever-popular 'My Special Aflac Ducks', play resources and sensory toys.
- Our Robotics Programme enables children to access school during their treatment through the use of telepresence robots that help them get back into the classroom remotely and stay connected with their schoolwork, teachers and classmates.

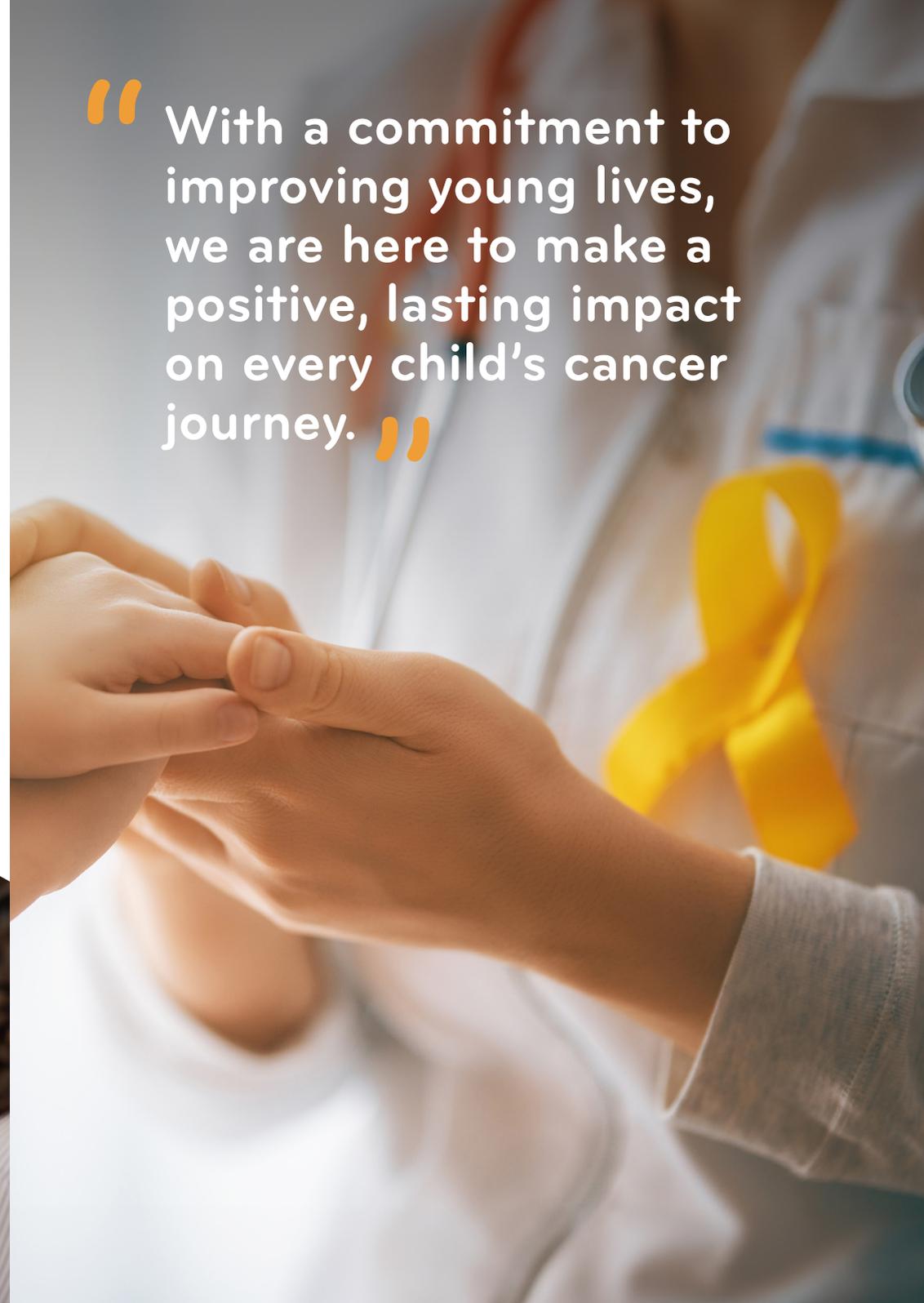
Research

We actively contribute to research focused on improving treatment options and outcomes for children with cancer.

We work hand in hand with our community, hospital partners and supporters to make a greater impact. Together, we build a stronger, more supportive environment for children and strive to make a positive, lasting impact on every child's cancer journey.



“ With a commitment to improving young lives, we are here to make a positive, lasting impact on every child's cancer journey. ”





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