

What is LauraLynn@Home?

LauraLynn@Home is a service provided by the LauraLynn Children's Hospice. The LauraLynn@Home team comprises of a group of paediatric nurses who specialise in providing care to children and young people with complex life-limiting conditions in the home. The team will strive to work with you and your child to provide personalised holistic nursing care and support that meets the needs of your child and family. National and international evidence suggests that the majority of parents of children with life-limiting conditions wish to care for their child at home with the appropriate supports. The premise underpins the national policy for children's palliative care. LauraLynn@Home will bring the care and expertise currently available in LauraLynn House into the family home.

The team aims to provide:

- Symptom assessment and management
- Specialist palliative care
- End-of-life care at home
- Bereavement support
- Post discharge from acute setting/transition to home. Emotional, psychological and social support
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- Accessed to specialist colleagues in other disciplines such as OT, physiotherapy, music therapy and play therapy.
- Sibling support
- Memory making
- Provision of information, support, education and training to families
- The provision of in the home care for a child with a life-limiting condition in order to enable the parents/caregiver to attend to other personal/family commitments
- Close collaboration and communication with the primary care team, the acute hospital, specialists and other agencies as required.

How do we work?

On referral to LauraLynn@home the home assessment will be carried out by members of the team. The aim of this is to gather specific information tailored to the home environment. This information is then fed back to the senior nursing team who then decide on the number of visits to be allocated dependent on the outcomes of the assessment. After the allocated number of targeted visits we will review the outcomes achieved and if there is a need for further visits.

What is the difference between this service and existing at home support, such as Jack and Jill and HSE Nurse?

LauraLynn@home provides hands-on care for children with life-limiting conditions in the family home. We do not replace existing services in the community but can be an additional service provided as part of the child's over all care. LauraLynn@home works in collaboration with and compliments the care provided in the community by other statutory and voluntary organisations.

Who is eligible for this service and how do families apply?

In order to be eligible, children must meet the standard admission criteria which is in place for LauraLynn. Ireland's Childrens Hospice – please refer to 'Referral Process' section at www.lauralynn.ie or email home@lauralynn.ie