



Putting Life into a Child's Day,  
not days into a Child's Life.



# LauraLynn Guide to Services

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## OUR MISSION

We support children with life limiting conditions and their families by providing high quality transitional care, home support, respite, crisis and end-of-life care.

Our care is available to children with high medical and nursing needs from birth to 17th birthday.

## OUR VALUES

Family, Life & Care.

## OUR VISION

All children who need us, can access us.

## LAURALYNN

Originally known as the Children's Sunshine, our services for children have evolved over the last 80 years. From small beginnings, we have grown into an organisation supporting a greater number of children with a wider range of needs than ever before.

*"It's a rollercoaster journey with Ellie's illness — LauraLynn is our seatbelt — you mind, care & protect us in every way possible"*

Amy, Ellie's Mum

The LauraLynn Children's Hospice Foundation was set up in 2001 as a result of the enormous personal tragedy of Jane and Brendan McKenna which saw them lose both their precious daughters, Laura and Lynn, in the space of just two years.

The Children's Sunshine Home Hospice Project and the LauraLynn Foundation came together in 2006 to realise their shared vision and bring comfort and support to families with sick children in Ireland.

Where possible, a child should die at home with their family, the reality is that for some families this may not be possible. We want to give families a choice.

By providing a dedicated community based palliative care facility for children, we are developing the expertise required to support families in this situation. We can support those who want both in-home and out-of-home children's palliative care whether it is for respite, crisis care or when necessary, end of life care.

Admission to LauraLynn is based on referral from children's families, maternity hospitals/children's hospitals, physicians and other health professionals.

## CARE IS THE KEY

Quality of life for every child

## CARE FOR THE CHILD

### Support for the Family

LauraLynn House's state-of-the-art design is based on research in Ireland and abroad, with emphasis on maximising light and space. It is a two storey low energy sustainable building covering 1300 sq meters in Leopardstown.



We work in partnership with families, health professionals and the community.

### We can support families by providing children's palliative care through:

- 1 Transitional Care from hospital to home
- 2 Respite and specialist short term care — including day/overnight
- 3 24 hour crisis care and telephone contact
- 4 A "Home from Home" atmosphere provided by a caring team:
  - Bespoke en-suite bedrooms & living accommodation, family rooms, quiet room, gardens, multisensory, music & therapy rooms.
  - Butterfly Room providing a "resting place" and sitting room for the family of the deceased child.
- 5 Support for the family in their own home

6 Assistance in identifying and accessing support within the local communities.

7 Practical support from birth.

8 Parent training, support and education.

9 Provision of specialist clinical support by caring team of physiotherapists, social work, occupational therapist, chaplain, dietician, psychologist, music therapist and massage therapist.

## HOW WILL THIS BENEFIT FAMILIES?

- Give parents more choices than they currently have
- Give families a break from the constant demands of caring for a sick child.
- Ongoing support for the family when the child has passed for as long as needed.

