

## What should I bring with me when I visit the Home from Home?

You will find that all of our Homes from Home are equipped to a very high standard, you are welcome to bring electrical items such as your hairdryer or electric shaver but, for safety reasons, we please ask you to leave all other electrical equipment at home.

## Can my family and friends visit the Home from Home?

Of course. Grandparents, siblings and friends are welcome just like at home. Our only stipulation is, if you invite a guest to stay with you there must be a spare bed available for them in the room you are staying in. Some of our rooms have space for an additional folding bed or travel cot, but not all of them. Unfortunately we can't offer you an extra room.

## If I'm staying on the ward with my child can I visit the Home?

Yes. We understand that you may need a break from the hospital environment every now and then. As well as using the facilities, you have a chance to meet other families. Simply ask a member of the ward staff to arrange a visit.

## Is it really free to stay at a Home from Home?

Yes. The homes are one of a range of services provided by CLIC Sargent. Our aim - as the UK's leading children's cancer charity - is to help each family every step of the way, with practical and emotional support.

## How do I arrange to stay in a Home from Home?

Simply talk to a member of the ward staff who can liaise with the House Managers and check availability. That's it... we handle all arrangements for you. Each home has a manager who can answer any questions during your stay.

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Homes from Home  
Supporting Families with Children  
with Cancer

## Where are CLIC Sargent Homes from Home located?

Close to the main Regional Children's Cancer Centres in:

- Bristol
- Edinburgh
- Glasgow
- Oxford
- Southampton

For more information  
and for ways to help  
CLIC Sargent please call:

**0800.197.0068**

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[www.clicsargent.org.uk](http://www.clicsargent.org.uk)

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Specialist care –  
every step of the way



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## Do you need a Home from Home?

Barry and his teenage son Robin live 162 miles away from the hospital, where Robin needs ongoing radiotherapy.

Just the prospect of travelling is exhausting after such treatment. But the cost of accommodation is prohibitive. Along with other families Barry and Robin arrange to stay free of charge at a CLIC Sargent Home from Home.

Like all our Homes from Home, it's very convenient, located near to the paediatric oncology unit.



### Barry:

“Robin needs treatment five times a week for six weeks at a time. Staying for free right next to the hospital takes away the strain and expense of travelling. Robin can rest and relax in between treatments, and I've learned a lot just by chatting with the other parents and staff here. ”

### Robin:

“There's a room for teenagers with a PC, so I can email my friends back home – and send homework into school! Me and dad play pool, he talks to the other parents a lot and there's often people here my own age so I don't get bored. ”

## CLIC Sargent Home from Home

Following the shock of a cancer diagnosis, getting specialist treatment for your child is the overriding concern. Yet this can take you miles away from home, adding to the stress and strain on your family and on your resources.



## Stay close by – for free

Our Home from Home service offers families free self-catering accommodation close to paediatric oncology centres. You and your family can stay here while your child is being treated. If they are well enough, they can stay with you too.

You have a key to the house and your own room. So you can enjoy some privacy and quiet away from the hospital. And, as the name suggests, we aim to give each home as many home comforts as possible. You can cook, wash and iron clothes, switch-off in front of the TV, play games or catch-up with fellow residents.

The atmosphere is non-clinical, friendly and welcoming. Sharing with families who have similar experiences can be supportive and helpful. You can forget about travelling and costly B&B bills... and focus on spending time with your child.

## Staying in a Home from Home



When your child has cancer, CLIC Sargent can't promise things won't be difficult. But we do promise to be there every step of the way for every family, including yours. Our Home from

Homes bring back a little familiarity, when family life has changed beyond recognition.

If you would like to stay, please talk to your CLIC Sargent social worker, nurse or a member of the ward staff who can liaise with the House Managers and check availability.

## What facilities can I expect to find at a Home from Home?

- Bedrooms of varying sizes with different numbers of beds to suit your family. Some rooms are en-suite, others may share a bathroom with one other family.
- Most homes have more than one kitchen, with room to store and prepare your own meals whenever you like.
- Comfortable sitting rooms with TV, books and games.
- Well equipped indoor play areas for everyone, plus separate teenage rooms in many homes. Most of our homes also have outdoor play areas too.
- Washing machines, tumble driers and irons are available for all to use.
- Homes are cleaned and maintained to very high standards, and fresh linen provided.