

## A new kind of nurse

CLIC Sargent is establishing specialist nurse key worker roles in each of the main treatment centres. Key workers will assess all of a child's needs and coordinate all of their care in the hospital and the community, so that children with cancer can spend less time in hospital and more time safely at home during treatment.

For more information visit

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



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Jane is very nice to everyone,  
she did lots to help me.

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Harri, 7

## Need help now?

Call us on  
**0300 330 0803\***

\*Calls charged at local rate from UK landlines and mobiles

We're here to help from  
9am until 5pm, Monday – Friday.

Or email us at [info@clicsargent.org.uk](mailto:info@clicsargent.org.uk)

Your CLIC Sargent Contact:

### About CLIC Sargent

Every day 10 children and young people are diagnosed with cancer. CLIC Sargent is there for them... with clinical expertise, emotional care and financial support in hospital, at home and in the community all over the UK.

For more information or to make a donation, please visit our website.

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# CLIC Sargent Nurses

Supporting families of children  
and young people with cancer



## Do you need someone who understands?

When a child or young person is diagnosed with cancer, life can become a whirlwind of hospital visits.

A CLIC Sargent Nurse can help families spend more time at home and provide an opportunity to further discuss treatment.

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*It's so hard to care for a sick child and try to keep life as normal as possible for the rest of the family, especially my daughter. At times I felt completely drained, physically and emotionally. Having Jane coming to our home helped the whole family, in lots of ways. She also explained everything to Harri who was scared – she was a great comfort to him.*

**Harri's mum, Joanna**”



## Specialist clinical care

CLIC Sargent Nurses work within the NHS but are funded by us. They are part of the oncology team caring for your child, so they are fully aware of all ongoing treatment.

You are likely to meet your CLIC Sargent Nurse in the hospital, soon after your child is diagnosed. When your child leaves hospital, it's likely that the same nurse will come and visit them at home or school as necessary.

Our nurses will liaise with GPs and children's community nurses, so they can provide support and clinical care for your child in the community.

## Care at home

On a home visit our nurses can carry out procedures such as taking blood and cleaning lines. Sometimes chemotherapy can take place at home too.

A visit also gives you the opportunity to talk about what your child is going through and get answers that only a clinical specialist can give you – which many families find to be a huge support.

## Care at your child's school

A nurse can go into your child's school to take blood and flush lines, if it's more convenient than a home visit.

They can update teachers on your child's schoolwork in hospital and how treatment may affect your child when she or he returns to school.

They can help school friends understand what is happening and how they can help your child.

Your CLIC Sargent Nurse will talk to you and your child beforehand about what information you are happy for them to share.

## What does this mean for my family?

Having a nurse who can offer care in the community means you spend less time travelling to and from hospital and more time as a family. It also gives parents and children a relaxed and private opportunity to talk about what is happening and to discuss any worries one-to-one.

