

Cruse Bereavement Care Every Bereaved Child Matters

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The *Every Bereaved Child Matters Project* is a new and exciting development within Cruse that will create many new volunteers to work with many more young people in more locations across the country.

The project will build on existing organisational capacity to deliver essential bereavement support services to children and young people aged 4-18 across England. It will focus public attention on the importance of safeguarding the mental, emotional and physical well being of bereaved children and young people.

Over the next two years the project will enable 25 Cruse areas and branches to build on their existing children and young people's bereavement support services, and create services where they do not currently offer them to bereaved children and young people but would like to.

Over a hundred children and young people's bereavement volunteers will be created following completion of the Cruse ACBC (Awareness in Child Bereavement Care) training, along with 40 supervisors trained to work specifically with children and young people's bereavement volunteers.

The *Every Bereaved Child Matters Project* will ensure that 250 bereaved children and young people pan England receive face to face support from Cruse bereavement volunteers. In addition, 25 training courses examining the problems faced by many bereaved children and young people, and best practice guidelines for promoting the general well being of this client group, will be delivered to 375 external professionals working with children and young people.

A best practice guidance manual will be compiled and disseminated throughout those Cruse areas and branches where bereavement support services are offered to children and young people to empower them to provide an excellent quality of service and to act as a point of reference to children and young people's bereavement volunteers and supervisors.

The RD4U website will also be revisited to ensure that children and young people who have sensory disabilities and special educational needs will not be discouraged from accessing the site.