

Press release

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Sophie's Legacy

The Association of British Paediatric Nurses recognises the importance of ensuring parents are supported when staying with their child in hospital.

This morning on BBC Breakfast Television a charity founded in the name of a young girl who died with cancer is funding food for parents across a number of hospitals in England. Through the project hospitals involved can either provide meals from the hospital menu, ready meals for parents or vouchers for them to purchase food from various outlets in the hospital.

We urge all hospitals providing services for children and young people to seriously consider the welfare of parents staying with their child in hospital. This includes ensuring that their basic needs are met, such as nutrition and hydration, as well as sleep and rest in order that they are able to support their child while undergoing investigations and treatment in hospital.

“Parents play a vital role when their child is in hospital, and they face many emotional, physical and economic pressures. Adopting a child-and family-centred care approach means that ensuring the welfare and care of parents and carers is as important as the care of the child ”

Professor Bernie Carter, President

Notes for editors

Sophie's Legacy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZkxEKsiHOJc>

The term child refers to infants, children, young people and young adults up to 25 years of age

The ABPN is a network of children's nurses with a wide membership of experts in clinical practice, education, leadership and research. It is the oldest children's nursing association in the world, established in 1938.

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