

Shooting Star Children's Hospices - FAQs

Our story began as two separate children's hospice charities. CHASE which was founded in 1994 and The Shooting Star Trust founded in 1995. In April 2011, the two charities merged to become Shooting Star Chase, with the two hospices Christopher's in Guildford and Shooting Star House in Hampton able to provide more care for more children and families in London and Surrey. In February 2019 we updated our name to Shooting Star Children's Hospices, to provide greater clarity about what we do.

How many children and families do you care for?

Shooting Star Children's Hospices supports 700 life-limited babies, children and young people, and their families, living in London and Surrey. Our bespoke support is available 365 days a year at our two purpose built children's hospices and in their own homes at no cost to the families.

What services does Shooting Star Children's Hospices offer?

Our bespoke support is free of charge to families and includes a named keyworker, a comprehensive range of therapies and support groups for the whole family, specialist nursing care and short breaks at our two hospices (or in the family home, symptom management, end-of-life care and bereavement support.

How much does it cost to run Shooting Star Children's Hospices?

It costs £10 million a year – £27,000 a day.

How is your service funded?

Approximately 10% of our income comes from government funding so we rely on our supporters' generosity to raise the difference to keep the service running. What's more, we know there are many more families desperate for our vital support, so it's crucial we raise more funds.

