

Children's hospices



Staff working in children's hospices tell us what people have said about their role and the work of a children's hospice... perhaps they've even thought the same things themselves. The quotes below give an insight into the types of areas where there is a lot of misunderstanding and introduce the reality of working in one of the UK's children's hospices:

Myths

Reality

"Gosh, working in a children's hospice that is so **sad**"

"Oh my goodness, that is so **sad**, how do you do it?"

VS

"It's **fulfilling** knowing that you are **supporting** that family during the worst part of their life"

"It is a **happy** place for making memories"

"It must be a very **distressing** place to work"

"The word hospice, to many people, means **end of life**"

VS

"I walked through the door and I knew it was the **place for me**"

"Families often say that it was not what they thought it would be, it is a **happy** environment with so many **facilities**"

"My goodness that must be so **hard**, and such an upsetting job to do"

"Initially I thought I could **not see myself** working in a hospice"

VS

"It's an extremely fun **loving** environment that is a real **home from home**"

We are **bright**, we are **cheerful** and we are **friendly** - we love to have **fun**

"Oh you work in a hospice, that must be so **tough**"

"Palliative care is something I thought I would **never go into**"

VS

"I have a lot of **fun** at work and it is not necessarily what you might imagine it to be"

"I find my role so **rewarding**"

"You would think if you had a child that was dying that this service would **just be there**"

VS

"If it wasn't for the **amazing** people raising money for us, this service would not exist"

This is just the tip of the iceberg...

Everything children's hospices do is #ForTheChildren, but if you have never experienced the amazing love, care and support they provide, it can feel like an alien and overwhelming concept.

Over the course of our partnership we want to work to open up children's hospice care for you - introducing you to who, how and when it's provided. Watch this space for some simple films and resources designed to tell you more about these incredible services.



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