We use another hospice for overnight short breaks which is about 90 minutes away but an hour and a half in bad traffic is difficult with our son’s condition. He might have an epileptic fit on the way. We are desperate for a local hospice building for respite. For parents of a seriously ill child you never get the chance to recuperate. A local children’s hospice is not a luxury provision; it’s a necessity.

Mother of child receiving Noah’s Ark’s care

Building the Ark Appeal

Who we are

Noah’s Ark Children’s Hospice provides care and support for babies, children and young people who have life-limiting and life-threatening conditions, enabling them to live life as fully as possible and achieve their aspirations.

Delivering services in North London and Hertsmere, we also support families during their child’s life and help them face the future with hope after the death of their child and throughout bereavement.

A children’s hospice building for North London

Our Building the Ark Appeal is raising the funds required to construct North London’s only children’s hospice building.

Complementing our sector-renowned ‘hospice at home’ and community-based services, a hospice building will allow us to offer a wider breadth of care to more of the 1,169 babies, children and young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions in our catchment area.

The hospice will be built on a 7.5 acre nature reserve close to Barnet town centre and will provide an inspiring space for relaxation, adventure and for children and their families to connect with others facing similar challenges. It will be a ‘home from home’ for children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions, where they will be given the time and space to be children and not just patients.
Why North London needs a children’s hospice building

There are 1,169 babies, children and young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions living in Noah’s Ark’s catchment area but there is no children’s hospice building in North London.

The nearest children’s hospice buildings to Noah’s Ark’s catchment area are Richard House in East London, Shooting Star Chase in Twickenham, Haven House in Essex and Keech Hospice in Bedfordshire.

Many families in North London find it difficult to access these facilities because of distance and transport challenges. Families also often struggle with the psychological upheaval of leaving their community and the Noah’s Ark support network.

A hub for children’s palliative care in North London

Noah’s Ark’s hospice building will be a hub for children’s palliative care services in North London, acting as a training and volunteer development base for both Noah’s Ark’s Care Team and our partners in the sector.

Noah’s Ark is ideally placed to fill the need for additional palliative care services for children in North London. The hospice building will provide a central hub for local charities and health and social care service providers to work effectively in partnership and provide outstanding care to children and young people and their families.

Dr Finella Craig Consultant in Paediatric Palliative medicine, Great Ormond Street Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Why Noah’s Ark can deliver a children’s hospice building

The Noah’s Ark team has the project management experience and delivery of care expertise to construct and run a world-class palliative care facility.

“I have been hugely impressed with Noah’s Ark’s rigorous attention to detail, willingness to challenge assumptions and innovate in order to build the best possible palliative care facility. Noah’s Ark’s outstanding Care Team is matched in its professionalism and competence by its trustee board and senior management and we are delighted to be partnering with them on this inspirational project.”

Murray Levinson  Partner, Squire and Partners (award-winning architects)

Key people

Trustees

Michael McInerney
Founder and Chairman, Noah’s Ark Children’s Hospice and Executive Director, Brookdale Care
As Executive Director of Brookdale Care, a private healthcare company providing both nursing and residential care, Michael offers a wealth of valuable experience. He has led the construction of two large care homes for adults with physical disabilities and mental health conditions.

Jeremy Isaacs CBE
Chair, Building the Ark Appeal, Trustee, Noah’s Ark Children’s Hospice and Founding Partner, JRJ Group
As founder of JRJ Group and non-executive Director for Imperial College Healthcare Trust, Jeremy brings invaluable commercial experience to the Trustee Board. Jeremy has introduced a wide network of individual philanthropists and corporate supporters to Noah’s Ark.

Dr Lara Shaffer MBChB, BSc (med biochemistry), MRCPCH, MRCP
Trustee, Noah’s Ark Children’s Hospice and Paediatric Consultant, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust
Lara brings extensive experience of working with children with complex healthcare needs in both hospital and community settings.

Senior management

Ru Watkins
Chief Executive, Noah’s Ark Children’s Hospice
Through his positions as Chief of Staff at the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine, Head of Business Transformation for Malaysia and Bangalore at BT and senior operational roles for the British Army, Ru has proven success in delivering innovation and leading change in both the UK and overseas.

Dr Rachel Black
Director of Care, Noah’s Ark Children’s Hospice
Rachel leads the Care Team at Noah’s Ark and will manage the charity’s transition as it adds the specialist facilities of a hospice building to its care provision. Rachel has worked in children’s palliative care for 11 years and has strong working relationships throughout the sector.

www.noahsarkhospice.org.uk
We ask for your support in helping us to complete our circle of care for children and young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions, and their families.

If you would like to support our Building the Ark Appeal, or find out more, please contact:

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“...We need to provide a comforting, familiar and dignified place for respite and that final transition. If you are able to help, you will have the immeasurable gratitude of so very many children and families.

Rose, grandmother and guardian of Ben and Sophie