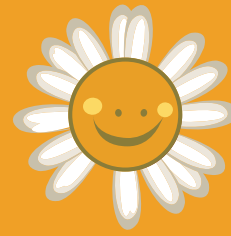


# Key Messages

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## Island of Ireland

- Every week across Ireland, 10 children and young people (aged 0-24) are diagnosed with cancer.
- We understand the devastating impact a cancer diagnosis and its treatment can have on the whole family, and that beyond the essential medical care, many families need social and emotional support.
- Our aim is to empower, connect and strengthen children, young people and their families so they feel better equipped to deal with the impact of cancer.
- Our team of Cancer Support Specialists provide informal emotional, social and therapeutic support to children and families across Ireland, at home, in hospital and at our therapeutic short break centre, Daisy Lodge.
- We want every young person under the age of 25 to have access to the right support, with the right approach, at the right time.
- Together, let's ensure no child has to face cancer alone.



## Northern Ireland

- In Northern Ireland we support children and young people impacted by cancer, either through their own diagnosis or the diagnosis of a parent or sibling.
- Our services include individual support, group work, parental support, bereavement support and therapeutic short breaks.
- We provide emotional, social and therapeutic support to children impacted by cancer and their families at home, in hospitals across Northern Ireland, in the community, and at our therapeutic short break centre Daisy Lodge and our residential centre, Narnia Log Cabin.
- Every week, 3 children and young people (aged 0-24) are diagnosed with cancer in NI.



## Republic of Ireland

- We support children and young people aged 0-24 diagnosed with cancer and their families.
- Our team of Cancer Support Specialists provide informal social and emotional support to children diagnosed with cancer and their families at home, in their community, on the hospital ward and shared care centres, ensuring we reach families regardless of where they live across the island of Ireland.
- We also provide families impacted by a childhood cancer diagnosis with short breaks at our purpose-built facility, Daisy Lodge in Co. Down.
- Currently, we can only provide one in seven families across Ireland with a therapeutic, short break. We are raising funds to build a second therapeutic centre in Cong, Co. Mayo. Construction for this is due to begin in January 2024. Once Daisy Lodge Mayo is operational, we will be able to support more than double the number of families we can currently.

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