

We understand the devastation when a child dies. Financial worries about the funeral add unexpected and additional stress.

The government's *Children's Funeral Fund* covers the costs of cremation, burial and contributes £300 to the cost of a coffin. You can request this through your funeral director. Details are at *www.gov.uk/child-funeral-costs*.

At the **Child Funeral Charity**, we know there are many other costs associated with a funeral and we will help wherever we can. We help bereaved families in England and Wales and when the child who has died was 16 or under. We can consider help for babies who have died under 24 weeks of pregnancy. *The Children's Funeral Fund does not cover pre-24 weeks*.

The charity was established in 2014 by professionals working in the funeral industry and has been helping bereaved families ever since.

We can either pay the funeral director for certain items or obtain items such as flowers and orders of ceremony from our own suppliers. Referrals should be submitted by funeral directors or other professionals (see overleaf). We consider each case on its merits and usually respond within 48 hours with a decision.

See our website for further information and call or email us with any guestions.

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- Funeral Director
- Bereavement Nurse or Midwife
- Local Authority RegistrarHospital Medical Registrar

## Who should contact us?

If you are a professional working with a bereaved family then fill in and email the CFC APPLICATION FORM on the home page of our website. The more detail you can provide and the earlier you can do this, the better. You might be a...

- Celebrant or Faith Representative
- General Practitioner
- Hospital Bereavement Officer

• Or you might work at a hospice, charity, for local government bereavement services at a crematorium or natural burial site. As long as you are a professional helping bereaved parents, you can make a referral to us.

*If you are a bereaved parent*, then please find a professional, such as those listed above, who will make the referral to us on your behalf. If you need some help and guidance on how to find a professional to do this then just contact us and we will help you.

*If you are interested in helping* our charity, please do contact us or find us on Total Giving. We rely totally on donations.

'Just a few words to say this is the first contact I have had with your organisation and I have found that you have been very supportive with respect to the help and advice you have given to the Mother and family that have sadly experienced the loss of such a precious young life. The flowers for the family arrived on the day requested and were lovely, and I know the family appreciated the assistance that was provided by your organisation. I will certainly be recommending your service in future.'

Goodridge-Milford Funeral Directors

'It is such a time of sadness and shock at the loss of a child, money is the last ting on your mind, a charity like this is absolutely perfect to help families at the saddest time of their lives. When you are a family and bringing up children there is never any spare money and you never expect to have money to bury your child. You need all the help and financial support available and this charity is perfect for just that. The Eaton Family