Trustees Annual Report

01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026

Harlee's Angels

Harlee's Angels is a charity which has been set up to offer assistance to the parents/guardians of a child up to and including the age of 19 who has died due to sudden death, accident or unexpected / undiagnosed illness, are residing in the UK including Scotland, Wales and Ireland.



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Registered charity number: 1200190



A message from our CEO / Founders

This year has been an incredibly important year for Harlee's Angels and one that has shown us just how much the charity has grown.

What started from our own experience of losing Harlee has continued to develop into a charity supporting more and more families following the sudden and unexpected death of a child or young person.

Over the past year, we have expanded our eligibility to support families following the death of a child or young person up to and including the age of 19. We have also significantly widened the area we are able to cover, with Harlee's Angels now supporting eligible families across England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

These changes, together with increasing awareness of the charity, have resulted in a significant increase in the number of families coming through to us for support.

We are also increasingly receiving referrals from hospitals, bereavement services, family support professionals and organisations already working directly with bereaved families. These professionals recognise when a family may benefit from the additional financial, practical or emotional support Harlee's Angels can provide.

This year has also seen our services continue to develop. Alongside providing financial assistance, food support and private counselling, we have continued our monthly Grief Café, developed our Post Box to Heaven project and introduced our Family Support Cupboard at Southampton General Hospital.

Every part of Harlee's Angels has grown from our own experience and from understanding just how suddenly life can change for a family.

We are incredibly grateful to every person, organisation, fundraiser and supporter who has helped us continue Harlee's legacy. Every donation, event and act of support allows us to be there for another family when their world has changed forever.

Fern & Ryan Steele
Founders / CEO of Harlee's Angels

Who are Harlee's Angels?

Harlee's Angels was established following the sudden death of our son, Harlee, aged 11.
From our own experience, we understood that the impact of suddenly losing a child reaches far beyond grief itself. Families can find themselves facing time away from work, reduced income, household bills they are struggling to meet, difficulties buying food and essentials, alongside the need for emotional and professional support.
Harlee's Angels exists to help ease some of those pressures.
We support parents and guardians across England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland following the sudden and unexpected death of a child or young person up to and including the age of 19.
Every family's circumstances are different, which is why the support we provide is considered around the individual needs and circumstances of each family.

Financial Support

We can provide financial assistance to eligible families experiencing financial hardship following the death of their child. This can include help towards rent or mortgage payments, household bills, utilities, groceries and other essential living costs, helping to relieve some of the immediate financial pressure when a parent or guardian may be unable to work.

Food & Essential Support

We can provide food vouchers and other essential support when a family is struggling with everyday living costs following their bereavement.

Private Counselling

Harlee's Angels can fund an initial six private counselling sessions per person.
Families can be supported to find an appropriate counsellor or, where suitable, use a registered counsellor they have identified themselves. Support can then be reviewed to consider whether further sessions may be appropriate.

OUR GROWING REACH

Reaching more families

This year has been our busiest to date, with a significant increase in the number of families requiring support from Harlee's Angels.

Harlee's Angels originally began by supporting families within Southampton and the surrounding Hampshire area. As the charity has developed, we have significantly expanded both our geographical reach and our age criteria.

We can now support eligible families across England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, following the sudden and unexpected death of a child or young person up to and including the age of 19.

This expansion has enabled Harlee's Angels to reach families who would previously have fallen outside our criteria and has contributed to a significant increase in demand for our services.

At the same time, awareness of Harlee's Angels amongst professionals and organisations has continued to grow.

We are increasingly receiving referrals from hospitals, bereavement services, family support professionals and organisations already working directly with bereaved families.

In some cases, these services identify families who require financial assistance, counselling or practical support that they are unable to provide directly and refer them to Harlee's Angels.

These referral relationships have become an important part of our work and demonstrate how Harlee's Angels can work alongside existing services to provide an additional layer of support for bereaved families.

As our reach continues to grow, so does the demand placed upon the charity. Securing sustainable funding will therefore become increasingly important in allowing us to continue responding to families while maintaining the personal and compassionate support at the heart of Harlee's Angels.

FAMILY SUPPORT CUPBOARD

Harlee's Angels Family Support Cupboard
Southampton General Hospital

One of the developments we are particularly proud of this year is the introduction of the Harlee's Angels Family Support Cupboard at Southampton General Hospital.

Created to support families experiencing the death of a child, the cupboard provides hospital staff with access to carefully selected practical items, comfort items, keepsakes and memory-making resources that can be offered to families during an incredibly difficult time.

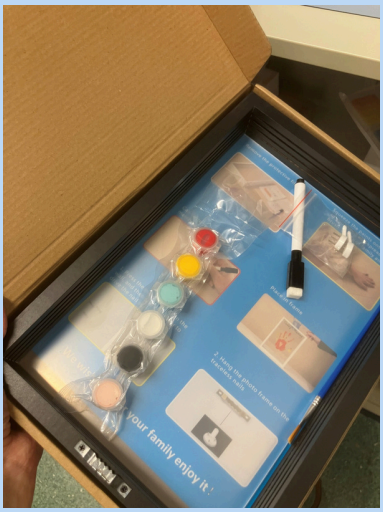
For a family facing the unimaginable, the smallest things can become incredibly important.

A keepsake, a memory item or something that provides even a small amount of comfort can hold enormous meaning long after a family has left the hospital.

The cupboard enables Harlee's Angels to provide support at the point it is needed, while working alongside the professionals caring for children and their families within the hospital.

It is also an example of how the money raised for Harlee's Angels is turned into something tangible that can directly support bereaved families.

We are incredibly proud to see this project established at Southampton General Hospital and hope to continue developing the support available through it.







Harlee's Angels Grief Café

Our monthly Grief Café at Southampton Crematorium continues to provide a safe, welcoming and informal space for people affected by bereavement.

Grief can be incredibly isolating, and sometimes being around people who understand something of what you are experiencing can make a difference.

The café gives adults and children the opportunity to meet others, have a conversation, take part in activities or simply have a cup of tea somewhere they feel understood.

There is no pressure to talk and no expectation about how somebody should grieve.

Refreshments, cakes and creative activities help us create a relaxed and welcoming environment for those attending.

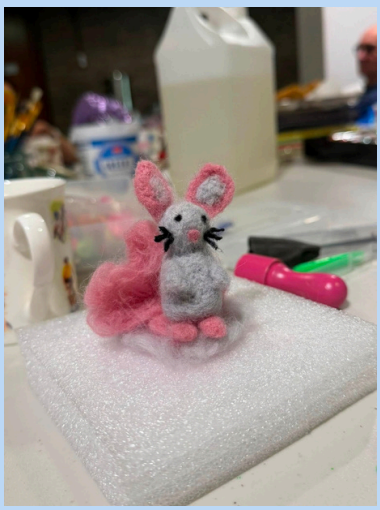
The Grief Café is not about taking somebody's grief away. It is about providing connection, reducing isolation and reminding people that they do not have to navigate their grief completely alone.













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Post Box to Heaven

Our Post Box to Heaven project provides children, young people and adults with a special way to remain connected to somebody they have lost.
People can write letters, cards, drawings or messages to their loved one and place them into one of our Post Boxes to Heaven.
For some people, this becomes a comforting ritual. For others, particularly children, writing down the things they wish they could still say can provide a way of expressing feelings that may otherwise be difficult to put into words.
The project has continued to grow, with Post Boxes to Heaven available at cemetery locations as well as Southampton General Hospital.
It may be a simple idea, but it can mean an enormous amount to somebody living with grief.









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WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT FAMILIES

Harlee's Angels recognises that supporting a bereaved family can involve many different professionals and services.

We work alongside hospitals, bereavement professionals, family support services and organisations already supporting families following the death of a child.

As awareness of Harlee's Angels has increased, so too has the number of professionals contacting us on behalf of families they are supporting.

These referral relationships are extremely important. They allow professionals who already understand a family's circumstances to make them aware of the additional support available through Harlee's Angels.

We can then consider whether we are able to provide financial assistance, counselling, food support or other practical help according to the family's individual circumstances and our eligibility criteria.

By working alongside existing services rather than in isolation, Harlee's Angels can provide another layer of support at a time when families may be facing both overwhelming grief and significant practical pressures.





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MAKING OUR WORK POSSIBLE

None of the support Harlee's Angels provides would be possible without the incredible people who fundraise, donate, volunteer, attend our events and support the charity throughout the year.
From individual fundraising challenges and community events to schools, businesses and organisations choosing to support Harlee's Angels, every contribution plays a part.
But fundraising is about much more than the event itself.
The money raised allows us to turn the generosity of our supporters into practical support for bereaved families.
It can mean helping towards a rent or mortgage payment when a parent has been unable to work.
It can mean helping put food on the table.
It can mean paying for private counselling when somebody needs professional emotional support.
It can help us maintain our monthly Grief Café, replenish our Family Support Cupboard and continue developing projects that help families remember their child.
Every fundraiser has a purpose. Every donation has an impact. Behind every request for support is a real family whose life has changed unexpectedly.









Harlee's Angels





LOOKING FORWARD

Harlee's Angels has grown considerably, but the reason behind everything we do remains exactly the same.
We want families experiencing the sudden and unexpected death of a child to know that support is there.
As more families are referred to us, our age criteria has expanded and our geographical reach has increased, we know that demand for our services will continue to grow.
Our focus moving forward is to ensure that this growth is sustainable.
We want to continue developing relationships with hospitals, professionals and organisations; increase awareness of the support available; maintain and develop our existing services; and secure sustainable funding that enables us to respond to the increasing number of families coming through to us.
Most importantly, as Harlee's Angels grows, we want to ensure that it never loses the personal and compassionate approach on which it was founded.
Behind every referral, form and application is a family experiencing one of the most devastating times imaginable.
Those families will always remain at the centre of what we do.

In Harlee's Memory

Harlee's Angels exists because of Harlee.
His life, his story and the impact he had on those around him continue through every family the charity is able to support.
His name remains at the heart of everything we do.

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date From 01/04/2025 Period end date To 31/03/2026

Charity name: Harlee's Angels

Charity registration number: 1200190

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Harlee's Angels exists to assist families financially following the sudden and unexpected death of a child up to and including the age of 19. The charity provides financial assistance during the initial months following a child's death, including support with loss of income, private counselling for immediate family members or guardians, and food support where needed.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	During the year, Harlee's Angels continued to support parents and guardians following the death of a child or young person up to and including the age of 19. The charity provided practical and financial support to bereaved families experiencing financial hardship, including assistance towards essential household and housing costs, food vouchers and other essential needs. Harlee's Angels also funded private counselling for bereaved family members and continued to provide opportunities for families to access emotional and peer support. The charity continued its monthly Grief Café, providing a safe and supportive environment for bereaved families, and continued to develop its work with hospitals, professionals and other

		organisations supporting families following the death of a child. Harlee's Angels also continued to provide its bereavement cupboard at Southampton General Hospital, which contains memory-making and bereavement items for families following the sudden death of a child anywhere within the hospital. The cupboard enables hospital staff to access these items when supporting families at an incredibly difficult time. Throughout the year, the charity continued to develop its services and projects to ensure bereaved families can access meaningful practical, financial and emotional support when they need it most.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning and carrying out the charity's activities. The trustees consider that all activities undertaken by Harlee's Angels during the year have been in furtherance of the charity's purposes and for the public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Applications for financial support are considered in line with Harlee's Angels' charitable purposes and eligibility criteria. Each application is considered individually, taking into account the family's circumstances, financial need and the funds available to the charity. Financial support may be provided towards essential household and housing costs, food and other essential needs. Decisions are made by the trustees to ensure that charitable funds are used appropriately and provide meaningful support to bereaved families.

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The charity does not currently undertake any social investment or programme-related investment.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Harlee's Angels relies greatly on the time and commitment given by its trustees and volunteers. Volunteers support the charity with fundraising events, community activities, administration, raising awareness and the delivery of its services and projects. Their contribution enables the charity to continue supporting bereaved families and helps ensure that as much funding as possible can be directed towards the charity's work.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Throughout the year, Harlee's Angels has continued to grow its reach and the number of bereaved families accessing support. The charity has provided financial assistance to families facing hardship following the death of a child, helping with essential costs at a time when a sudden loss can also create significant financial pressure. The charity has continued to fund private counselling for bereaved family members, helping individuals access professional emotional support following their loss. The monthly Grief Café has continued to provide a welcoming and understanding environment where bereaved parents and family members can meet others with shared experiences and access ongoing support. Harlee's Angels has continued to provide its bereavement cupboard at Southampton General Hospital, giving hospital staff access to memory-making and bereavement items for families following the sudden death of a child anywhere within the hospital.

		During the year, the charity has also strengthened relationships with hospitals, bereavement services and other organisations supporting families following the death of a child. These relationships have helped more families become aware of the support available through Harlee's Angels and have enabled professionals to refer families who may benefit from the charity's services. Through its financial, practical and emotional support, Harlee's Angels aims to reduce some of the additional pressures families face following the death of a child and ensure that bereaved families know that support continues to be available after their immediate loss.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	During the year, Harlee's Angels continued to develop and expand the support available to bereaved families. The charity increased awareness of its services, developed relationships with hospitals and other organisations, continued its monthly Grief Café, funded counselling and provided financial and practical assistance to families following the death of a child. The charity also continued to develop its bereavement cupboard at Southampton General Hospital, helping ensure memory-making and bereavement items are available to families following the sudden death of a child within the hospital.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising continued to be a vital source of income for Harlee's Angels during the year. Funds were raised through charity events, individual fundraising challenges, donations and support from members of the community, businesses and organisations.

		The continued support received from fundraisers and donors has enabled the charity to maintain and develop its services while providing financial, practical and emotional support to bereaved families. The trustees are extremely grateful to everyone who has supported and raised funds for Harlee's Angels during the year.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable. No investments held by the charity.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The trustees consider the charity to be in a sound financial position. During the year, Harlee's Angels continued to raise funds through donations, fundraising events, challenges and support from individuals, businesses and organisations. These funds have enabled the charity to continue providing financial, practical and emotional support to bereaved families while maintaining sufficient funds to support the charity's ongoing activities and future commitments. The charity achieved a surplus of £3,460 in the year ending 31 March 2026 (2025: surplus of £3,823).
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The trustees aim to maintain unrestricted reserves of approximately £15,000, representing around three months of the charity's overheads. Reserves are held to provide financial stability, manage fluctuations in income and ensure that Harlee's Angels can continue to meet its commitments and provide support to bereaved families.

Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£65168 unrestricted reserves
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The trustees have identified no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principal sources of income are donations and funds raised through fundraising events, sponsored challenges and community fundraising. Harlee's Angels also receives support from individuals, local businesses and organisations. Where available and appropriate, the charity may also seek grant funding to support its charitable activities and the development of its services.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The charity does not currently hold investments or undertake social investment.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The trustees regularly consider the risks facing Harlee's Angels. Principal risks include fluctuations in fundraising and donation income, increasing demand for support and ensuring that sufficient funds remain available to meet the charity's commitments to bereaved families. The trustees seek to manage these risks through careful financial oversight, appropriate reserves, regular consideration of applications for support and responsible planning of the charity's activities.

Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	This needs to match the rules in your constitution. A safe wording would be: Trustees are appointed in accordance with the provisions of the charity's constitution. When appointing new trustees, consideration is given to the skills, knowledge and experience required to support the effective governance and development of Harlee's Angels. All trustees are required to act in the best interests of the charity and in accordance with their legal duties as charity trustees.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New trustees are provided with information about Harlee's Angels, its charitable purposes, activities, policies and their responsibilities as charity trustees. Trustees are encouraged to familiarise themselves with relevant Charity Commission guidance and undertake appropriate training where required.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Harlee's Angels is governed by its board of trustees, who are responsible for the overall governance, strategic direction and financial oversight of the charity. The charity works alongside hospitals, bereavement professionals, family support services and other charities and organisations supporting bereaved families. These relationships help professionals make families aware of the financial, practical and emotional support available through

		and emotional support available through Harlee's Angels and enable appropriate referrals to be made.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Harlee's Angels
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1200190
Charity's principal address	9 Melchet Road Southampton SO18 5GW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Megan Davies	N/A		
2	Matthew Meadus	N/A		
3	Darren Farminer	N/A	1ST September 2025 – end of reporting period	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	**Dates acted if not for whole year**	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Fern Steele and Ryan Steele

Exemptions from disclosure

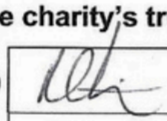
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Megan Davies	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	9/10/26	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Harlee's Angels	1200190

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2025		31/03/2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and merchandise	26,232	-	-	26,232	23,213
Events	11,463	-	-	11,463	5,135
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	37,695	-	-	37,695	28,348
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	37,695	-	-	37,695	28,348
A3 Payments					
Payments to families/PICU	9,126	3,485	-	12,611	4,189
Grief café		461		461	
Counselling		1,760		1,760	
Merchandise and materials	3,353	-	-	3,353	256
Event expenditure	12,709	-	-	12,709	14,674
Insurance	267	-	-	267	246
Bank Charges	104	-	-	104	59
Sundry	65	-	-	65	-
Computer costs	1,172	-	-	1,172	753
Advertising	-	-	-	-	1,077
Storage	1,734	-	-	1,734	1,542
Sub total	28,530	5,706	-	34,236	22,796
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Computer Equipment	-	-	-	-	1,729
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,729
Total payments	28,530	5,706	-	34,236	24,525
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,166	- 5,706	-	3,460	3,823
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	56,002	5,706	-	61,708	57,885
Cash funds this year end	65,168	0	-	65,168	61,708

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays	65,126	0	-
	Paypal	42	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	65,168	0	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Harlee's Angels

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Harlee's Angels for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Harlee's Angels you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of Harlee's Angels' accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Harlee's Angels as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 26 October 2026

Assisting families from a sudden and unexpected death of a child

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