

We are England's leading family charity. We support over 45,000 families every year with over 100 services in communities across the country. We offer practical, emotional and financial help to families and individuals in their communities.

Family Action Barnsley currently delivers two other projects.

My Place Project

Offering support to children/young people who have been affected by parental/carer's drug and/or alcohol use.

Early intervention Project

A preventative service offering a variety of child centred and family support in six areas of Barnsley.

How To Contact Us

If you think that this service could be of help or you would like to find out more please contact us on:

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Family Action Barnsley Bereavement Project

Supporting children affected by
bereavement

supporting families since 1869

Who Are We?

Family Action is a national charity dedicated to supporting families since 1869 with the ethos of working with the whole family.

The Bereavement project has been delivering a service in Barnsley since 2003. It offers children therapeutic support pre- and post-bereavement. It also provides advice and guidance to parents/carers and professionals.

The aims of the project

- To maximise potential for all children as reflected in the every child matters outcomes
- To support the emotional wellbeing of children/young people pre- and post-bereavement
- To promote increased knowledge and awareness of grieving and bereavement and the affects on the child/young person
- Providing family support to bereaved families

Who Is This Service For?

Children aged 5-16 years who live within the borough of Barnsley.

Also parents/carers and professionals who may require support and guidance.

Who do we work with?

- Children and young people who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling grandparent or any other significant person
- Children and young people experiencing the imminent death of a family member, or special friend
- Children and young people who have experienced the death of a friend, or any person special to them
- Families/carers who are grieving and may need advice and guidance about supporting their child/(ren)
- Professionals, offering support such as whole school/class approaches, guidance and training

What Do We Offer?

For Children/Young People

Therapeutic support using age appropriate activities including counselling, play therapy skills, art therapy and a range of creative media.

“The Starlight” group meets monthly and offers support, friendship, fun activities, expressive crafts, recreational activities and outings. The group is delivered in partnership with The Barnsley Hospice.

For parents/carers

- Parents/carers are welcome to participate in the Starlight Group.
- Family support and parent advice

For professionals

- Advice and guidance regarding different ways of supporting a bereaved child/young person
- Training to increase understanding and awareness of grief and bereavement.