The Bodie Hodges Foundation aims to ensure that every family in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland who experiences the death of a child has access to support.

We support parents whose only child has died, as well as families with other living children. We support individuals and families of any faith or no faith.



We welcome self-referrals from bereaved families and professional referrals from any professional within healthcare, social care, education and from charities working with families.

Referrals can be made for any family meeting the following criteria:

- The family lives in Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland
- The referral is made within two years of their bereavement
- The child was aged between 24 weeks gestation and 18 years of age
- The referral is for parents and siblings of the child. This includes step-parents, step and half siblings, blended families, and guardians, carers, and those with parental responsibility of the child at the time of their death.

We are a small, self-funded charity and we regret that we are unable to offer pre-trial support for families who are currently part of an investigation following the death of their child. Once an investigation is concluded we will be able to discuss relevant bereavement support options with you.

We are also unable to accept referrals for wider family members such as aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The Bodie Hodges Foundation offers the following support options:

- Bereavement counselling to parents/carers of the child that died
- Bereavement counselling to siblings of the child that died who are school-aged and above
- Treasured Memory Bags for siblings (available Nationwide)
- Bereavement Peer support groups including: Creative Grief Workshops for Mums

Chips and Chat for Dads

Together Project for siblings 11–16-year-olds

Together Siblings for 6-10 Years year olds

Families can access support the first two years following the death of their child, our counselling service is available to families for up to 2 years from the commencement of support.

Peer Support groups for both adults and children do not have a fixed time scale criteria, but a referral is required to access these groups.

Following a referral an assessment will be carried out with parents to gather information in order for us to offer the best support to the whole family. This service is designed to be family focused and support all family members.

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