



Supporting Families Bereaved Of A Child

Student Application Pack

About Us

The Bodie Hodges Foundation is a local Leicestershire based charity that supports families who have been bereaved of a child.

The charity was established in 2013 by Nick and Donna Hodges after the death of their ten-month-old son Bodie. They wanted to offer support to other bereaved families as their experience highlighted how isolating losing a child was. The Bodie Hodges Foundation has now become well-regarded regionally for its sensitive, effective professional 1-1 bereavement services and peer support groups to adults, children, and young people in their darkest hour of grief.

All our services are free of charge to ensure that no bereaved families are left to grieve alone and include:



Bodies Bereavement Services - Families can access 1-1 early therapeutic support and counselling services for up to 2 years after the death of their child. We also run a range of monthly peer support groups including 'Chips and a Chat', created solely for bereaved dads as well as an Art group for mums.



Sibling Support - gentle 1-1 sessions with siblings in school, which help children to understand their grief and support memory making. Groups also include a youth group and Sibling days throughout the year.



Bodies Treasured Memory Bags - a national project offering specially tailored bags to families and across the UK, to support sibling grief and encourage conversations around death.

**2023 marked The Bodie Hodges Foundation
10th year of support bereaved families.**

We are continuing to grow and evolve and now is an exciting time to be joining the charity as we continue to support more families bereaved of a child.

Child death leaves behind a devastation that is hard to put into words. There is no wrong or right way to grieve, and our services have been developed from lived experience.

This drives all our work, across both the bereavement and fundraising departments.

We are a close and friendly staff team who all share a passion and drive to achieve the charity's objectives.

The successful candidate will join the counselling team in offering bi-weekly counselling sessions to bereaved families at Bodie's House.

**Donna Hodges
CEO and Bodie's Mummy**



Student Counselling Placement

Base: Bodie's House, 254 Braunstone Lane, Leicester, LE3 3AS, this is an office-based role.

Up to 2+ Hours per week

Opportunities

Experience in bereavement counselling.

Mentoring – one to one meetings with coordinator
Internal Supervision is provided*.

Bereavement Education

*There is a monthly £20 contribution towards your supervision

How to apply

[View the Job Description](#)

Please email George for our application pack.

george@bodiehodgesfoundation.co.uk

You can also contact George if you have any questions or would like to discuss the role before applying.

Read our Impact Report 2024 [here](#)

Our year in numbers...



We supported a total of **62** families during 2024



This equates to 109 individuals which breaks down to 84 adults and 25 children.

25 children received 1-1 counselling, with



295 of these taking place in schools



29 at Bodie's House during school holidays



1,251 1-1 counselling sessions booked for our families



927 1-1 counselling session for parents

Monthly Support Group numbers...



10 Creative Grief Workshops for Bereaved Mums



8 Chips and a Chat meet ups



13 Together Project sessions, our youth group for bereaved siblings



2 Anxiety Workshops for the young People we support



160 Treasured Memory Bags travelled a total of 3208 miles



Increase in staff recruited

the equivalent of one full time counsellor & team administrator



40,749 people visited our website

Social media growth in 2024

Our social media channels help us raise awareness of child bereavement. You can help us by following us, liking, sharing and commenting on our posts



22%



21%



13.3%

Why work for us?

Bodie's Bereavement Service provide the opportunity of rewarding, meaningful work with families bereaved of a child.

-  Bodie's House has four fully furnished and welcoming therapeutic counselling rooms
-  Valuable experience in Bereavement Counselling
-  Meaningful life changing work
-  Internal supervision
-  Mentoring and 1-1 meetings with our Student Coordinator

Our Values

We are a values driven charity, and we use our core values to drive the decisions that we make as an organisation.

You will see our values in the way we support our families, in our day-to-day work and with our team.

Being there for families as they build the strength to see a future; by encouraging them to rebuild while always remembering.

We provide families with the resources and guidance they need to rebuild and strengthen their bonds.



Professionalism



Collaboration



Hope



Resilience



Compassion

Safer Recruitment Policy

We believe that:

The Bodie Hodges Foundations believes children and young people and their families should never experience abuse of any kind, we have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people, to keep them safe and to practice in a way that protects them.

We recognise that:

The welfare of all children is paramount in all the work we do and in all the decisions we take, working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

All children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation have an equal right to protection from all types of harm or abuse

Some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues therefore extra safeguards may be needed to keep children who are additionally vulnerable safe from abuse.

Everyone working within the organization will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check.