

The Development of a Paediatric Oral Assessment Tool for use within Paediatric Palliative Care

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Abstract

Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust was established provides the widest range of children's health services for young patients from Birmingham the West Midlands and beyond, with over 240,000 patient visits every year.

The hospital is a nationally designated specialist centre for epilepsy surgery, a trauma centre for the West Midlands, a national transplant centre, and a centre of excellence for complex heart conditions, the treatment of burns, cancer, and liver and kidney disease. It has one of the largest Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in the country with a dedicated Eating Disorder Unit and Acute Assessment Unit for regional referrals of children and young people with the most serious problems.

Birmingham Children's Hospital is also home to:

- 354 beds across 22 wards
- 34 specialties
- 12 theatres (including our Hybrid and Laparoscopic theatres);
- £3.7m 3T MRI scanner which supports pioneering paediatric brain tumour research
- 150,000 outpatient visits a year;
- 50,000 Emergency Department patients a year;
- 39,000 inpatient admissions to hospital each year;
- 61 parent and family accommodation rooms – the largest facility in Europe;

As one of the UK's leading paediatric teaching centres, the hospital goes to great lengths to target, teach, nurture and develop the skills of their present and future workforce, to enable access to training and education and to foster life-long learning.

Biography

Stephanie Sargeant completed paediatric nurse training at Coventry University in 2009. She now works for Birmingham Children's Hospital within the Emergency Department as a senior staff nurse. Stephanie also works alongside lecturers teaching specific modules for undergraduate paediatric nursing students at Coventry University. Stephanie first became interested in oral health within paediatric palliative care in 2009 following working with community children's nurses and establishing there is little consistencies in oral care provided for patients. Following research alongside Carol Chamley (Senior Lecturer Coventry University) Stephanie published her first journal article on paediatric palliative care and the use of oral assessment tools.

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