



Support for campaign grows

What is the Better at Home Campaign?

Better at Home is being run jointly by the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) and national charity WellChild and was sparked by recognition of the many children and young people with long-term complex health care needs who remain in hospital when their ongoing care might be better managed from home.

The campaign highlights the need for improved care by asking for:

- Timely, high quality and effective care to be delivered in the home where possible.
- More flexible packages of care which meet the individual and ongoing needs of the children and their families
- Greater financial investment in children's nurses to work specifically with this group of vulnerable children and bridge the gap between hospital and community services

What has been happening?

The Campaign continues to gather interest from families, professionals and other organisations and we are very grateful for their support. Important highlights so far include the following:

- 83 MPs have now signed the Early Day Motion tabled by Tom Clarke MP in support of the Better at Home Campaign
- Families who have been through or still have their child in hospital over a long period of time have been contacting us to tell us about their experience
- The mapping exercise of hospitals and PCTs across England continues to highlight a number of common barriers to getting children home from hospital
- We are in the first stages of extending the campaign into Scotland

How you can continue to help?

There are many ways that you can support the campaign. For example:

- By publicising the campaign as widely as you can e.g. newsletter, website (we can provide a copy of the campaign logo)

- By signing up for regular email updates
- By making sure that as many families as possible know about the campaign and encouraging them to tell us about their experience.

Any families needing further information on how they can help should contact amywright@wellchild.org.uk or telephone 01242 530007

**For more information about the Better at Home campaign
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