

Adding life to days
when days cannot
be added to life,



Demelza
Hospice Care for Children

What does Demelza do?

Demelza is a charity providing hospice care for children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions and their families across East Sussex, Kent and South East London.

What services does Demelza provide?

Hospice Care, Community Care, Planned Short Breaks, Symptom Control, End-of-Life Care, Bereavement Support, Therapies, Family Support and Advocacy, and Emergency Respite.

These services are currently provided through:

- Demelza Kent, an eight bedded hospice in Sittingbourne (from 2012 two extra rooms for young people will be in full use)
- Demelza South East London, a six bedded hospice in Eltham.
- Demelza Community, a hospice at home service operating in East Sussex.

How many children, young people and families does Demelza care for?

There are currently over 700 children and families across East Sussex, Kent and South London who access our services; but we know there are estimated to be at least 1,000 more throughout our catchment area who could benefit from using our services.

We have increased the number of families we reach by 17% in the past year but would like to extend our services even further.

Where does the money come from?

We have to generate our own income for 90% of the £7m that all our services cost to run.

Our funds come from donations and fundraising taking place in the local communities that we serve, from the Corporate communities, Legacies, Grants, Events and Activities, Trading through our Retail Outlets, our own Demelza Lottery and Investment income.

What is the money spent on?

In the last year 80% of the money was spent on providing direct care for the children and families. The other 20% was spent on fundraising, volunteers and administration.

That is 80p in every £1 spent directly on caring for children and their families.

How many volunteers does Demelza have?

Demelza has approximately 1,100 volunteers supporting us in our shops, through fundraising and in many places across the organisation from gardening to care and housekeeping to driving.

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