



Jennie's Children's Trust REFERRAL GUIDE

What we offer

JCT provide respite breaks for families who have a child with complex medical needs or have suffered a bereavement of a close family member, such as a mother, father, or sibling. Families enjoy a week at Timber Hill, West Pembrokeshire in self-contained lodges which sleep a maximum of 6 people, with a double bed, twin beds, and single bunk beds. Cots and high chairs are available on request. Families can bring extended family if they would like to. Set in a picturesque valley within a short distance of the fabulous Broad Haven beach, it is the perfect place to relax and unwind. Parents can relax knowing their children are having fun in a safe environment, making new friends, and making memories.

A volunteer family are on hand daily to support and answer any questions, with their knowledge of the local area and interesting and exciting places and beaches to visit. Some families may need quiet time together, others prefer to find local activities. The volunteer family are there to help each family to enjoy their time in Wales. Volunteers are DBS checked but are not medically trained.

How referrals are made

Families must be referred through a professional body that they are being supported by. Example organisations might include Hospitals, Respite care, other charities e.g., SeeSaw, a Bereavement charity, Headlines Cranio-Facial Support Group. This list is just an example, we would consider any referral from a professional body.

Examples of illnesses that we have accommodated in the past include cranial facial disorder, severe epilepsy, cerebral palsy, visual and hearing problems to name a few.

Next step

Professionals should email claire@jennieschildrenstrust.org and request an application form. Once a referral is made to us in writing, we then consider the medical condition and the needs of the child and the family to ensure Timber Hill is appropriate, for example the lodges are not able to accommodate any large equipment such as a hoist and there are no medical experts on site. The nearest local hospital is Wityhush Hospital in Haverfordwest and a

larger hospital is in Carmarthen a 40 – 45minute drive away. Another consideration for the family would be the travelling distance from home to Broad Haven.

We will then get in contact to discuss with the agency in more detail before allocating a space. We are generally able to accommodate 4-5 families per week over a 3-week period in the summer, so unfortunately spaces are limited. We allocate the spaces around May/June time and the breaks generally start the last week of July once the schools break up.

THANK YOU!


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