



## How many children and young people are affected by a life-limiting or life-threatening condition

We have an emerging picture of the numbers of babies, children and young people in the UK who are living with and dying from life-limiting or life-threatening conditions.

### 55,000 young adults

aged 18-40 living with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition in England, almost **13,000** in the 18-25 year old age group

### 5,000 children

die each year in England and Wales, **2,500** as a result of a life-limiting or life-threatening condition

### 49,000 children

aged 0-18 living with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition in the UK

### 15 million

children (aged under 19) in the UK



### 55,000 young adults are living with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition.

Further research estimated that there are **55,000** young adults aged **18-40** living with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition in England, of which almost **13,000** were in the **18-25** year old age group<sup>3</sup>. The data for this study was only readily available in England.

### 2,500 children and young people die each year from life-limiting or life-threatening conditions.

More than **5,000** children (aged **0-18**) die every year in England and Wales, about **half** of these die from life-limiting or life-threatening conditions<sup>1</sup>.

### 49,000 children and young people living with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions.

There are estimated to be 49,000 children and young people with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition in the UK (aged **0-18** years)<sup>2</sup>. We don't currently know how many of these 49,000 children would be eligible or would wish to access support from dedicated children's palliative care or hospice services. However, we would expect that all these children would benefit from some elements of the palliative care approach and from knowing about the support that is available from children's palliative care services.

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