

LUKASHUSET

RESPITE, SYMPTOM RELIEF
AND HOSPICE FOR CHILDREN
AND YOUNG ADULTS



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ABOUT LUKASHUSET

When children and young adults suffer from a life-threatening illness the whole family is affected. Therefore, it's not only the child or young adult with the illness who is offered specialised care, but the entire family.

Lukashuset has room for the whole family regardless of family structure, to achieve a better family life and development in a homely and safe environment. We focus on relieving symptoms of illness with the necessary professional care and respect for each family member's individual needs.

QUALITY OF LIFE

The central idea behind Lukashuset is quality of life, and the aim of each stay is to offer support, symptom relief and respite for every member of the family in order for them to better balance their daily lives with life-threatening illness in the family.

Accommodation at Lukashuset is free of charge.



STAYING IN LUKASHUSET

At Lukashuset children and young adults with life-threatening illness can be admitted together with their families, so that they can lead a family life, which is as normal as possible.

At Lukashuset you will find:

- Space for being together, playing, and 'hygge' – both indoors and outdoors
- Activities for all age groups and the possibility for individual development despite serious illness
- Space for being together with friends, boyfriend/girlfriend and family members

A HOMELY ATMOSPHERE

- Lukashuset has room for 4 families
- Each family gets 2 connected rooms with beds, sofa, TV and Wi-Fi available
- A shared living area/common room and kitchen with facilities to cook your own meal or eat pre-cooked meals
- Access to a special bathroom with a large bathtub and a 'starry sky'
- A large terrace with a lift to the sensory garden, playground and park

WHO CAN RECEIVE HELP?

Lukashuset is for children and young adults between 0 and 18+ years of age, who suffer from life-limiting, life-threatening or incurable illnesses and who have a need for multidisciplinary, specialised palliative care.

Referrals can be made by health professionals or by parents and relations. When Lukashuset has received the referral our referral team will contact the family.

A stay at Lukashuset is offered based on an assessment of the child's physical, psychological, social and spiritual/existential symptoms as well as the family's collective need for support and respite.

A stay at Lukashuset could be relevant either during the progress of an illness or in connection with end-of-life or terminal care.

During the stay at Lukashuset the child/young adult can receive treatment initiated by a hospital doctor or their general practitioner – and curative treatment need not be given up in order to stay at Lukashuset.

Referral forms can be downloaded at www.sanktlukas.dk.



FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Lukashuset offers specialised palliative care in a multidisciplinary environment. Physical and psychological care and symptom relieving treatment is handled by a team of nurses, specialist doctors, physiotherapist, pedagogue, psychologist, chaplain, social worker and volunteers.

FOCUS

- Relief of physical, psychological, social and spiritual/existential suffering
- Support and initiation of medical and non-medical relief of symptoms e.g. pain, dyspnoea, gastric problems, vomiting, seizures and nausea
- Respite and supportive care for siblings, parents and/or other family members
- Professional nursing staff are on-site 24/7
- Specialised support around the end-of-life and after death

Lukashuset has a special emphasis on both intersectorial and multidisciplinary collaboration, sharing of knowledge and on the development of paediatric palliative care in Denmark and across the world.

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Lukashuset is a new initiative (as of 1 November 2015) by Sankt Lukas Stiftelsen and the first of its kind in Denmark.

The diaconal foundation Sankt Lukas Stiftelsen is more than 100-years-old, with extensive experience in developing new initiatives, especially within healthcare and palliative care.

The foundation opened the very first hospice in Denmark in 1992 and initiated subsequently a community palliative care team. In addition the hospice runs a respected specialist course in palliative care for nurses.

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