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Learnings from the establishment and delivery of the UK Collaborative Paediatric Palliative Care Research Network

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There are more children and young people now living with conditions that may threaten or shorten their lives. Care for these children and young people can be improved by research. However, there is a lack of high-quality research. To support the delivery of research, a network of seven organisations including children's hospices was developed, supported by university academics. The aim of the network was to bring individuals and organisations together to work towards improving research into palliative and end-of-life care for children and young people.

To meet the aim of the network, individuals and organisations worked to develop and build resources and educational materials. These materials aimed to help hospices and National Health Service organisations to engage in research. They also identified and discussed the key areas where research was most needed. Looking at these areas, the network then identified research priorities which they turned into applications for research funding. Being part of the network has helped hospice organisations learn from one another in terms of how to undertake research. In summary, the network has helped make research more accessible for organisations involved in the care of children and young people living with conditions that may threaten or shorten their lives.