



Growing Hope |
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Growing Hope faith policy

Growing Hope is a Christian based organisation. We believe that Christian life is lived in relationship with God which is made possible through Jesus. We believe that God guides us through his Holy Spirit and, in common with other Christians, we seek to deepen our relationship with God and follow the way that Jesus taught.

Growing Hope aims to provide a holistic service which meets both practical and spiritual needs of children, young people and their families. Our clinics will all be run in accordance with Christian principles and in partnership with a local church.

Growing Hope believes that everyone is created uniquely by God, he *'knitted us together in our mother's womb'*¹ and we are *'fearfully and wonderfully made'*². The trustees, Growing Hope staff and volunteers believe that God longs for each of us to come into relationship with him in the power of the Holy Spirit through his son Jesus. For this reason the charity wants to be open with the families who come to our clinics about what motivates the service.

Growing Hope will celebrate with children and their families the value and potential that everyone has. Therapists will ask parents at the end of each therapy session if there is anything they would like to pray about. Growing Hope courses may be written with a Christian basis which participants can choose to engage in or not. Any families accessing Growing Hope clinics will have the opportunity to receive support to attend church if they would like to. Trained volunteers will provide 1:1 or group support for children with additional needs to access church.

The charity provides services to everyone living within the locality of the clinic regardless of religious beliefs and will fully respect any individual's choice to decline prayer, not talk about faith, or practice their own faith. Please see our equality, diversity and inclusion policy for more details.

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This policy should be read alongside other Growing Hope policies.

¹ Psalm 139:13

² Psalm 139:14