acorns children's hospice

# Hannah's story

**Hannah was bright, brave and full of life, but her journey took an unexpected turn after what began as a sprained ankle changed everything.**

She was a typical teenager who loved baking, dancing and spending time with friends. But as the pain continued, she began to feel increasingly unwell. For 15 months she endured repeated hospital admissions, debilitating pain, persistent vomiting and countless tests in the search for answers. She was finally diagnosed with Hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, a rare connective tissue disorder, at 16.

But by then, her health had significantly declined. Hannah had developed bladder failure, suffered repeated episodes of sepsis and became bedridden.

As her condition worsened, Hannah reached the point where treatment was no longer an option. Faced with unimaginable decisions, she decided where she wanted to spend the end of her life. She chose Acorns.

*"As a parent it's devastating knowing your child is going to die,"* Christine said. *"But going to Acorns was what Hannah wanted."*

While our nursing teams cared for Hannah's complex medical needs, our family support specialists were there for her family.

> *Acorns is amazing. They enabled us to be together as a family during her final days and make so many wonderful memories together.*
>
> **- Hannah's mum, Christine**

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