

Children’s Palliative Care in Scotland: The Role of the Diana Children’s Nurses

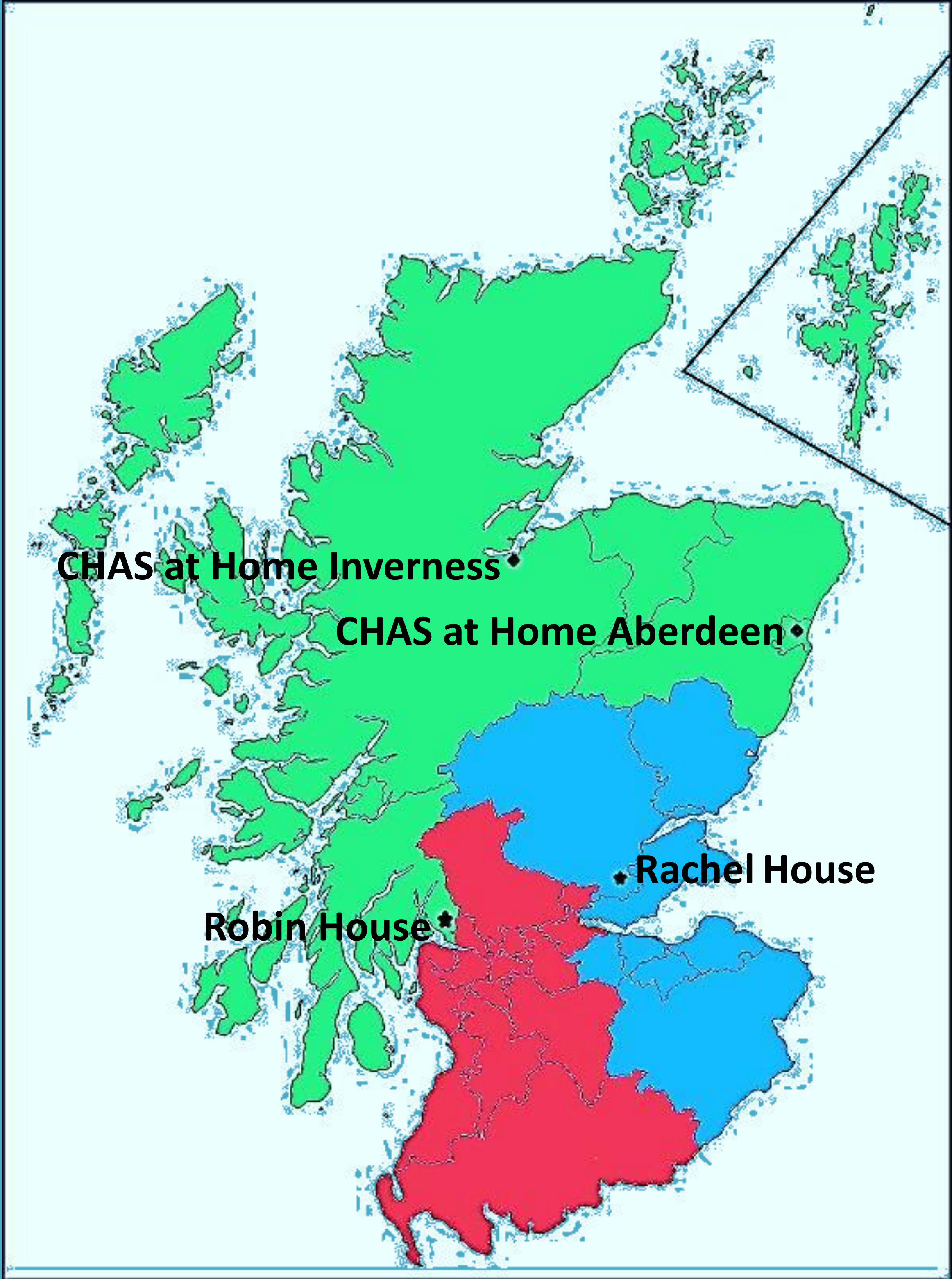


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CHAS is the Children’s Hospice Association Scotland. Our vision is that every baby, child and young person in Scotland will have access to palliative care when and where they need it. We are the only charity providing hospice services in Scotland for babies, children and young people (BCYP) with life-shortening conditions.

Children's Hospice Association Scotland has employed three Diana Children's Nurses (DCNs) since 2014. They are financed through the treasury from funds set up by the UK Government to commemorate the life and work of Diana Princess of Wales.

The aims of the roles encompass strategic service development, direct and indirect clinical care, and staff training and support. They work within, and alongside, the NHS and other statutory and voluntary sectors in order to support children with palliative care needs and their families across Scotland.



Evelyn Rodger covers the South East of Scotland and Tayside (Blue), and focuses on neonates with complex palliative needs and those approaching end of life

Their roles exemplify a holistic approach that recognises all the environments in which BCYP live their lives. This may be from the point of diagnosis or recognition, at any point through the journey, to end of life and bereavement.

Fiona Reid covers the North of Scotland (Green) and focuses on community practice, in the home, school or respite setting



Caroline Porter covers the West of Scotland (Red) and focuses on paediatric critical care and haemato-oncology

DCNs offer families realistic choices about where and how their child can be cared for, whether it’s in hospital, at home, or in Rachel or Robin House Children’s Hospice, and support professionals and families in establishing and honouring preferred place of care and death.