

Community Palliative Care

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Palliative care is the active holistic care of patients with advanced progressive illness. Management of pain and other symptoms and provision of psychological, social and spiritual support is paramount.

The National Council for Palliative Care

Who provides palliative care in the community?



Day to day palliative care –
GPs, District Nurses, social services
and care agencies; therapists, family
members, charities such as Marie
Curie and Macmillan; local hospices.

Specialist services – hospital
teams (through liaison) and specialist
hospice community teams

Referrals are made to the hospice from health care professionals via a referral form indicating which service is required

- Care at home
- Day hospice
- Inpatient care

BSMH offers:



- 24 hour care for patients that have a need for specialist palliative care with cancer and non-cancer diagnoses
- In patient Unit care (18 beds)
- Integrated Community Team
- Family and Carer support team
- Pre and post bereavement support
- Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy and holistic therapy services

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Figures and statistics



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Palliative care at home



- Holistic assessment – prioritise patient's needs
- Assessment of home environment – care provision, equipment etc
- Clarify what other services are involved / Is referral to other community services indicated?
- Initiate multi –disciplinary communication within community.
- Offer ACP as appropriate
- Refer to other hospice services

Thank you



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