

Cost of Care

There is no charge for Hospice Care to you, your family or your GP. It is available to everyone on the basis of need.

Foyle Hospice Community Specialist Palliative Care Nurses are **not** Macmillan or Marie Curie Nurses.

Foyle Hospice is an independent registered charity and we depend on the ongoing support of the community in the North West.

Find out more

You can find out more on our website

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Mission Statement

To provide compassionate palliative care to individuals with a life-limiting illness, their families and carers through high quality, specialist, holistic support.

Vision Statement

Working in collaboration with our supportive community, we will strive for excellence and seek innovation in providing specialist, multi professional, palliative care to patients, their families and carers in the hospice and in their own homes.

Your Hospice Team is

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Information for Patients



Community Specialist Palliative Care Team

**Foyle
Hospice**
Together we care

For the Community, by the Community

Foyle Hospice Community Specialist Palliative Care Team

Foyle Hospice Community Specialist Palliative Care Team are nurses who provide specialist palliative care and support to patients and families in their own homes.

Palliative Care is an active holistic approach to managing and supporting people with life-limiting illnesses.

Many patients with troublesome symptoms benefit from the Palliative Care Service early in the course of their illness. However, you could be referred to Foyle Hospice Community Specialist Nurses at any stage following diagnosis.

How to access the Service

The Foyle Hospice Community Specialist Palliative Care Nurses work as part of a team liaising closely with GPs, District Nurses, Hospital Palliative Care Teams and other professionals such as Counsellors, Social Workers, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists and Dieticians.

They work in collaboration to ensure good lines of communication and initiate support for the patient and family, as needs determine, to help improve their quality of life.

Referrals are made in the following ways:

- From your GP
- Palliative Care Team
- Hospital Doctors and Consultants
- Specialist Nurses

What happens at a first visit

The Nurse will telephone and arrange a Home Visit to meet you and your family. She will give you time to discuss any physical or emotional symptoms

you may have in relation to your illness, medications or any other issues.

The role of the Community Specialist Palliative Care Nurse

- Provide specialist nursing advice, care & support.
- Assess and help manage symptoms such as pain, nausea or breathlessness.
- Provide emotional and psychological support and help alleviate anxiety.
- Continue to review the patient on a regular basis to maintain good symptom control.
- Hospice Nurses can refer you to other support services if needed – e.g. Counselling, Physiotherapy, Dietician, Benefits Officer etc.
- Referral, if desired, to In Patient and Day Hospice Services.

Discharge

When symptoms are under control and you and your family/carers are coping with your condition it may be possible to discharge you from our service. However, should you feel the need for further support, you can ask your GP to refer you again.

Other Services available

- Day Hospice
- In Patient Care
- Counselling
- Adult and Children's Bereavement Support

Availability

Foyle Hospice Community Specialist Palliative Care Team is available 9am – 5pm, Monday to Friday. Outside of these hours there is a 24 hour telephone advice line available from the Nursing and Medical Team at the Foyle Hospice In Patient Unit. Contact Foyle Hospice by telephone 028 71351010