

Individualised Care

The provision of holistic care by a multi-professional team enables care to be planned according to individual patients needs. Regular assessment and collaboration with the Primary Care Team allows for the provision of a flexible service which can respond to changes in individuals circumstances.

Referral Guidelines

- This is a Specialist Nurse led service with access to medical advice.
- Patients remain under the care of their G.P. Following assessment, any specialist recommendations regarding medication or patient care will be communicated to the Primary Care Team.
- Patients can be referred by any health care professional from both hospital or community.
- Initial referrals by telephone should be followed up with a completed Hospice referral form.
- Transport options available are volunteer car drivers, or hospice transport.

Data Collection

Statistical data is collected at the request of Lanarkshire Health Board.

Further Information

Further information and referral forms are available from the Day Hospice Manager or the Day Hospice Staff Nurse at St. Andrew's Hospice. Alternatively, you can e-mail the following addresses:

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Specialist Palliative Care

Specialist Palliative Care is the active, total care of patients with progressive, far advanced disease and limited prognosis by a multi professional team. It provides physical, psychological, social and spiritual support to patients, their families and carers.

Philosophy of Care

The promotion and maintenance of quality of life as defined and chosen by patients and their carers, enabling them to remain at home as long as they wish.

Aims Of Specialist Palliative Day Care Unit

- To provide specialist symptom control.
- To meet the physical, social, psychological and spiritual needs of patients and their carers.
- To provide access to specialist palliative care advice, from the appropriate member(s) of the multidisciplinary team.
- To act as a resource to members of the community and hospital health care teams.
- To facilitate contact with hospice for patients with complex needs.

Admission Criteria

The specialist palliative day hospice is provided as a service for patients who:

- Have active disease with complex needs, which require specialist palliative care support, to enable them to deal with the implications and consequences of their disease.
- Require physical and/or psychological support in order to maximise their potential, retain their independence and enjoy the optimum quality of life within the limitations of their disease.
- Require respite from the home environment for themselves or their carers.
- Are able to tolerate the transport options available.

Discharge Criteria

Following multidisciplinary review, patients may be discharged from the service if they:

- Are symptomatically stable and no longer have specialist palliative care needs.
- Have reached a level of quality of life acceptable to the individual and their carers within the limitations of their disease.
- Have needs that can be more appropriately met by other Hospice or community services.
- Are no longer physically able to tolerate the transport options available.