



**Northern  
Ireland  
Hospice**

## Hospice Services in your community

### **About us**

We care for over 3,000 adults, children and young people every year, both in hospice and at home. There is no charge for hospice care. It is available on the basis of need. We are a registered charity and we depend mainly upon legacies and donations to provide services.

### **Comments and Feedback**

We welcome your comments and invite you to give us feedback on our services and literature.

Should you have any queries or require our services please do not hesitate to contact your local Hospice Nurse.

For more information on Northern Ireland Hospice log onto [nihospice.org](http://nihospice.org).  
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**If you are seriously ill with cancer or another condition and want to be cared for at home, Northern Ireland Hospice can give you and your carers the support you need that can help you to remain at home.**

# Working in your community, Hospice Nurses care for people with serious illnesses in their own homes. In addition, Hospice Nurses are also there to support carers and families at what can be an emotional and stressful time.

Northern Ireland Hospice provides three key services to patients, families and carers in their own homes. These vital services can often make the difference between a patient being able to remain at home or being admitted to hospital.

## Hospice Services

Our services are available through your GP, District Nurse or any of your healthcare professionals. All services provided by Northern Ireland Hospice are free of charge to patients, families and carers.

Hospice Nurses work closely with all healthcare professionals to ensure that every patient receives the highest standard of care in the comfort of their own home.

Occasionally some patients may be admitted to the in patient unit at Northern Ireland Hospice for a short period for pain or medication management or for respite care.

## Specialist Nursing Teams

Hospice Nurse Specialists and Hospice Community Nurses are nurses with specialist training in palliative care. They work in teams across local areas and visit patients in their own homes. The aim of palliative care is to make patients as comfortable as possible. Our nurses will provide advice and guidance to help with pain management and other symptoms and help patients understand their medicines. They also have time to support patients, their families and carers. Hospice Nurses will listen to any concerns patients may have about their illness or treatment and will provide information about other available services including our Hospice at Home and Carers Service.

## Hospice at Home

Our Hospice at Home Service provides nursing care at home for the patient as well as practical and emotional support and respite for their family and carers. Our Hospice at Home Co-ordinator, in consultation with the District Nurse will assess and monitor every patients needs.

The most common need is to give carers a break. Hospice at Home nurses generally work at night, allowing carers to rest knowing their loved one is in safe hands. They are also available during the day and early evenings.

## Services for Carers

At Hospice we recognise that carers looking after a loved one who is seriously ill need 'cared for' too. Our Carers' Service provides support with information and advice and equips them with the skills they need to look after their loved ones and themselves.

We offer a range of services including complementary therapy, telephone support and a drop in facility. Most of these services are available in the local community.