Southern Area Hospice Services
Dignity in Caring

How can we help you?

The ways in which we help are wide ranging and include:

• Providing a listening ear to patients, their families and carers. Helping you to explore the thoughts and feelings associated with illness and the changes it brings.

• Helping and advising patients on talking with their children and grandchildren about their illness.

• Enabling patients and their families to talk and express their feelings and to support one another.

• Liaising with Health and Social Care Trusts to secure the provision of a suitable care package or nursing home placement.

• Referral to other agencies including occupational therapy, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Benefits Agencies and assistance with grant applications.

For further enquiries please contact the Social Work Department
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Social Work Department
Who are we?

We are an independent social work service who is employed by the Hospice. Our team comprises of one full-time senior social worker and two part-time social workers.

Who is our service available to?

We offer emotional, psychological and practical support to patients, their carers and family. We understand that illness can impact on a wide range of issues for patients and their families.

Our aim is to try to assist you with your present situation and to support you as you confront issues or challenges that arise.

Who can refer to the Social Worker?

We accept referrals from General Practitioners, District Nurses, Macmillan Nurses and Social Workers. Patients, their relatives and carers can also make a referral for themselves.

Members of the hospital and hospice multi-disciplinary team can also refer someone to the social work department.