

HOSPICE OUT OF HOURS NURSING CARE AT HOME

OUR SERVICE



- An on-call nursing service
- For patients who have a cancer diagnosis
- At the end of their life.



- Provided at night in the patient's own home
- 365 nights per year
- Between 10.00pm - 8.00am



- Patients referred from their GP
- Within the postcode area of BT35 and greater Newry city area.

PURPOSE

- Improve symptom management of patient.
- Help patients, family members and carers develop coping mechanisms to deal with challenging situations at end-of-life.
- Help families and carers understand the end of life process.
- Reduce loneliness and social isolation for patient and family.
- Provide end-of-life care needs.
- Verification of life extinct (VOLE) by trained staff only.
- Provide information and signpost to other services.

REFERRALS

- From a GP.
- For patients who have a cancer diagnosis, and for whom the GP believes is in the last days of life (ELCOS).
- Confirmation of a DNACPR is in place.
- For patients who live within BT35 and greater Newry area.
- Monday to Friday, excluding bank holidays.
- Between 9.00am - 2.30pm and which meet criteria, will be assessed and service commenced on same day.
- Where referrals are received after 2.30pm, there is no guarantee the service will commence the same night.
- If a person referred becomes stable or no longer meets the criteria for end-of-life care, the referral can be placed on standby and reactivated if the patient deteriorates.