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Submitted to Review of access to palliative care services - Organisations/Health professionals
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Consent

1 The Committee for Health would like your permission to publish your response as part of the survey results. Please indicate your preference.

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Publish my response but keep it anonymous.

Who are you?

2 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your email address?

Email:

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4 Are you a healthcare professional? If yes, what is your role? If no, what is your interest in palliative care services:

Yes

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5 What is your organisation?

Organisation:

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6 Do you currently work in palliative care services? If Yes, in what capacity?

Yes

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Hospice at home nurse helping district nurses care for palliative patients on their every increasing caseload

current state of palliative care services

7 In your view what is the current state of palliative care services in Northern Ireland?

Poor

8 Do you think there is an understanding by the public of what palliative care is? If no, what are the main barriers to the public understanding palliative care?

Not sure

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Access to services

9 Are palliative care services equally accessible to all who need them?

Yes

10 From your experience where are the gaps in the provision of service?

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Limited carers both trust and private for packages of care, waiting weeks on bed in hospice, too few hospice beds

11 Do you believe barriers exist that prevent equitable access to these services? If yes, please provide examples in the box provided.

Yes

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Funding and staffing issues

12 What additional services could/should be provided?

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More hospice beds, funding for hands on palliative nurses/carers better pay for same

Integration of Services

13 How well are palliative care services integrated across the health system, through primary, secondary and specialist care?

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I think not too bad through the integrated care teams, work well together but caseloads can be massive and sometimes physically impossible to see everyone who should be seen in the timeframe they should be seen in

14 Should palliative care be a regional service? Please outline your reasons in the box provided.

Yes

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Every county should have a specialist palliative hospice, Marie curie provides care all over Northern Ireland with little funding

15 What can be done to improve integration?

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More education and publicity, get rid of stigma of end of life means immediate death

Best Practice

16 Do you have any examples of good practice or pilots in palliative care that are meeting the needs of patients and families/carers? If so, is this best practice happening widely across Northern Ireland?

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17 Do you think that families receive sufficient support when accessing services? Please outline your reasons in the box provided.

Yes

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Only if the staff are available to help, overworked and stress staff are out sick reducing levels of specialist nurse's visits

Funding and Strategy

18 Do you think the current funding for palliative care is sufficient? Please outline your reasons in the box provided.

No

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Marie curie and other services dependant on charity / fundraising , the service the staff provide takes special people who deserve better pay

19 Is the current model for the funding of hospices, including hospice at home/community care/rapid response support, sustainable and sufficient to meet needs now and in the future? Please outline your reasons in the box provided.

No

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With 1 in 2 people projected to get cancer there are going to be more palliative patients, hard coping financially with todays numbers never mind future increases

20 Is there a need for a new Palliative Care Strategy for Northern Ireland? If yes, what should it include? If no, why not? Please outline your reasons in the box provided

Not sure

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Any other comments

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