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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.

Consent:  
Publish response.

## Who are you?

2 What is your name?

Name:  
ANNA BURCOMBE

3 What is your email address?

Email:  
[REDACTED]

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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I am a part of the Chaplaincy team in NI Hospice and also with Belfast Trust. I am interested in encouraging the government to increase funding to palliative care and hospices. Palliative Care is so important and makes a crucial difference to people's lives. I would like to see more resources and help given to end of life care and palliative medicine.

5 What is your organisation?

Organisation:  
NI Hospice and Belfast Trust

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

No

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I am a registered volunteer in the Chaplaincy team and I offer spiritual and religious care to patients, staff and families.

## current state of palliative care services

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

Neither

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?

No

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People often assume it is an immediate end of life diagnosis and don't want to go there, people don't understand the process of dying.

## Access to services

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

Not sure

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

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I think it must be in quantity...there isn't enough spaces, not enough hospices, not enough funding and support from the government.

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

Not sure

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12 What additional services could/should be provided?

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

Not sure

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15 What can be done to improve integration?

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### 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.

Not sure

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### 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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It is wrong that only 30% of hospice funding is from the government.

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.

Not sure

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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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