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Submitted to Review of access to palliative care services - Organisations/Health professionals
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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:
[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 hospital chaplain

5 What is your organisation?

Organisation:
NHS

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

Yes

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I am a hospital chaplain so I visit palliative care patients.

current state of palliative care services

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

Don't know

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?

Not sure

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

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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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More involvement of Chaplaincy service beforehand and Chaplains should be alerted to the patients that are entering Palliative care.

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.

Yes

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Dying is a stage of life, providing comfort and dignity are essential to relieve pain and distress. People should be treated in a holistic manner no matter where they live, people have human rights, Right to life article2 does this apply? Is it it torture not to provide pain relief would this be article 3 of Human rights?

15 What can be done to improve integration?

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Offer people information and choice on palliative care.

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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Why are people asking for assisted suicide? something is not right. Peoples needs are not being met.

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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People use their religions and spiritual sides as a coping mechanism more involvement of Chaplaincy service is needed to provide support for the family and patient, a holistic approach is needed.