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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 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

1500 Characters:

Clinical Psychologist with input to Physical Health Teams: Oncology, Respiratory, Diabetes, Renal, Chronic Pain Management, Rheumatology

5 What is your organisation?

Organisation:

[REDACTED]

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

No

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My role is not funded specifically for Palliative Care however I may have patients on Palliative Care pathway referred for Psychological assessment and therapy

current state of palliative care services

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

Good

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

1500 Characters:

Access to services

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

No

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

1500 characters:

Palliative Care patients [REDACTED] referrals to our service often may have to wait for some time before seen. We do try to prioritize palliative care patients but even with that said they may not be seen within an appropriate timeframe.

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

Yes

1500 characters:

Funding for physical health Psychological Therapies .

12 What additional services could/should be provided?

1500 Characters:

A funded Psychological Therapy service specific to 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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I believe there is a drive amongst professionals to ensure integration however I know there are pressures in out of hours GP/A&E (staff cover, agency staff/locum) who may not be familiar with system

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

No

1500 characters:

There are many rural areas I feel would be disadvantaged

15 What can be done to improve integration?

1500 characters:

Attraction/Retention of specialist staff within this field particularly in rural areas

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?

1500 Characters:

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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Insufficient Specialist Palliative Care Nurses

No funding for Psychology Services specific to Palliative Care

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

Yes

1500 characters:

Provision of Specialist Psychological Services for patients/families and staff within each Trust

Any other comments

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