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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:
Helen MCGarry was

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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Working as an Intensive Care Nurse I have frequent requirements for palliative care.

5 What is your organisation?

Organisation:
Shsct

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

No

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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?

Yes

1500 Characters:

I believe some people have an idea of what palliative care is.
Not many though.

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?

1500 characters:

Staffing levels. Budget restraints.

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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Budget
Staffing

12 What additional services could/should be provided?

1500 Characters:

Money

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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Quite good in nhs hospital.

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

Yes

1500 characters:

Absolutely. People need this level of care.

15 What can be done to improve integration?

1500 characters:

Money/funding.

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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Intensive care have a wonderful standard of palliative care.
We have a great rapport with patient's and relatives.

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

Yes

1500 Characters:

The nhs does provide a good service

Funding and Strategy

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

No

1500 characters:

There are so many financial shortfalls in the nhs.
We do not facilitate patient's going home to die. Community services are dreadful and so underfunded.

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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All down to money and lack of.

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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The Tories have ruined the NHS and wrongly managed critically ill patients.