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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

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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?

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?

Very 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?

No

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## 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?

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No palliative care service that is accessible by Nias paramedics in Fermanagh, all other areas of NI have access to this service as an appropriate care pathway for those terminally ill patients in pain or distress and their families. Allowing for them to remain at home with their loved ones.

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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For some reason Fermanagh doesn't receive the same services and access to healthcare as all other regions.

12 What additional services could/should be provided?

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Access to palliative care services 24/7 and the ability for Nias paramedics to refer patients to them.

### 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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Unfortunately from my personal family experience out of hours provision is inaccessible and weekends and bank holidays seem to be the time when patients need to have access to these services.

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

Yes

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Perhaps it would be a consistent approach regionally.

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.

No

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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.

Not sure

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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 Answered

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No this needs to be expanded no hospice facility in Fermanagh.

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

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Any other comments

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