

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:
[REDACTED]

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?

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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I feel the general public see palliative care role as that of care for those who are actively dying.

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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Yet again there is inequality in the provision of care for patient s and service users in the Western Trust.

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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The people, patients and service users within the Western Trust, especially the southern sector of the trust are treated like second class citizens. The is equitable care.

12 What additional services could/should be provided?

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Hospice care in the southern sector of the trust. Equitable amount of inpatient beds between AAH, OPHCC and SWAH.

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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Within the southern sector of the WHSCT the palliative care team are well integrated within the inpatient setting.

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

No

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No. This would lead yet again to inequitable services for the WHSCT.

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.

Yes

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I can only speak from an inpatient prospective, but yes inpatients and families do receive excellent support from our SPCT.

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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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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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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