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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.

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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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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?

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?

No

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There is a perception that it is only for end of life care. Needs to be promoted more as symptom management.

## 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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Lack of staff and provision of services.

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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Resources,

12 What additional services could/should be provided?

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Home visits, earlier intervention

### 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 think they are well integrated but could be expanded.

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

Not sure

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15 What can be done to improve integration?

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Change name - palliative has end of life implications which is a barrier to referral for patients

### 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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Excellent team in South Belfast. Great communication with DN teams and hospital teams.

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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The complexity of patients and the radical treatment options may mean that patients are living longer with long term side effects which may require palliative care/ symptom management which will impact on resources.

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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