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Submitted to Review of access to palliative care services - Organisations/Health professionals  
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## Consent

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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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Palliative Nurse Specialist Community

5 What is your organisation?

Organisation:  
[REDACTED]

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

Not Answered

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Palliative Nurse Specialist

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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Public tend to shy away from conversation re palliative and end of life care.  
I feel our cultures tend to define what is classified as "normal".  
Younger people more open and honest around advanced care planning.

## 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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Too big of waiting time now for patients to be seen in between diagnosis, and meeting or planning

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

Not Answered

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Mainly waiting lists, and also provision of access within hospitals.

I would prefer to see my palliative patients getting urgent access to A&E, and not waiting in a waiting room with others.

Also making decisions if local hospital right choice or having to make a massive effort for some patients to go to regional centers

12 What additional services could/should be provided?

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Emergency Department with specific palliative support.

Rapid access for these patients in local hospitals.

Service improvement in all areas. for example provision of same support as now in BT34 area.

e.g Community Hopsice OOH, and Life & Time services, this should be provided throughout.

## 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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Lack of communication at times, however access to Epic has improved our knowledge and treatment of patients

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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Suppose differences between Trusts cannot always be rightified, however i feel everyone covering the same end idealism

## 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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The provision of two new services locally

Life&Time

OOH Hospice Services

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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## 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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More money needs to be put into this area.

With increase in numbers and cases post covid, all resources greatly stretched.

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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In South Down area with Life & Time provision this is met  
Within BT34 with OOH Hospice Community.

Would love to see all patients having access to these kind of patients

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

No

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Any other comments

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