

Regional Palliative Medicine Group in Northern Ireland

One Page Summary.

Problems,

- 1) Our access to palliative care is not good enough.
- 2) NI may now be lagging 20 years behind the rest of the UK.
- 3) We are unable to affect change.
- 4) We lack vision, strategy and leadership with authority.
- 5) We are chronically underfunded.
- 6) We see increasing demand and increasing complexity with no plan for how to manage this.
- 7) We are very concerned about Assisted Dying.

Answers,

- 1) Palliative care should be recognized as an essential service.
- 2) We need to learn lessons from why we cannot affect change and fix it.
- 3) We need someone in charge, who is accountable.
- 4) We need a strategic plan and policy.
- 5) We need workforce planning.
- 6) We need to complete a needs-based assessment.
- 7) We need appropriate funding.
- 8) We need the ability to measure and use data to plan.