

Care provides advice and support for people and their families living at home with life-limiting illness.

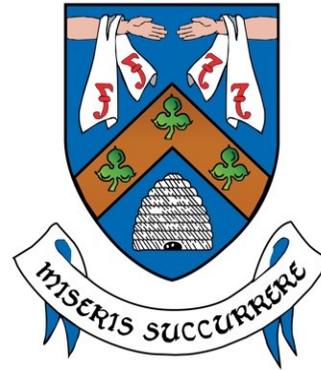
The service supports you at home by phone call or visit providing advice about pain, symptom control and psychological support. The team liaises with your GP and other community support services (e.g. the Public Health Nurse). The Community Palliative Care service does not provide hands-on care. If hands-on care is needed, this is provided by a home care package, organized by the social worker in hospital or the PHN in the community.

Your GP remains your primary carer in the community.

In-patient Hospice Care:

Some patients require specialist in-patient hospice care to help control their symptoms. In this instance if you are in hospital the Specialist Palliative Care team will refer you to your nearest in-patient unit.

If you are at home then the Community Palliative Care team, or your GP, will make this referral. People are prioritised for admission based on their need for specialist palliative care treatment.



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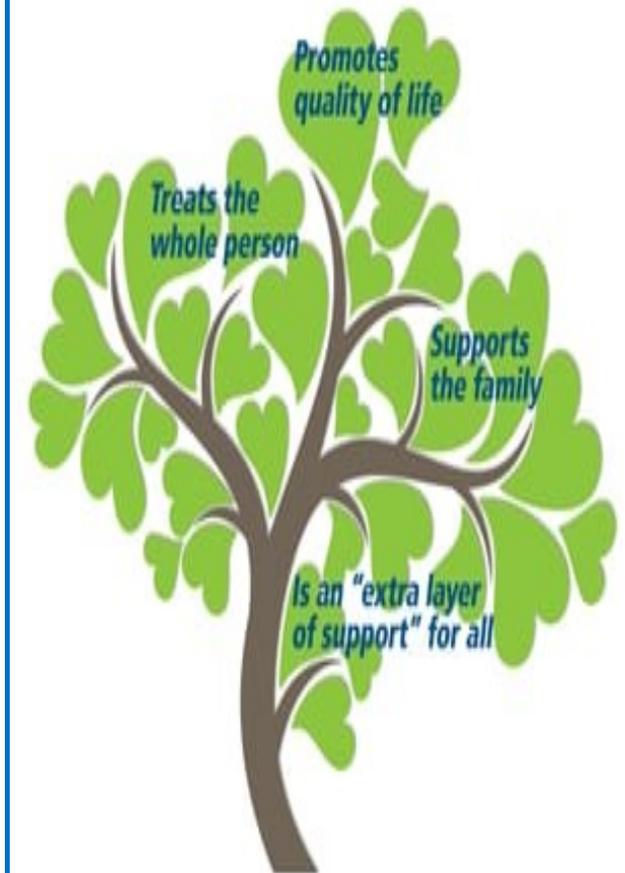
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Introduction

If you are reading this leaflet then it is most likely that your medical team have asked the Specialist Palliative Care service to come and review your care with regard to symptom control and psychosocial support.

The Specialist Palliative Care service is made up of doctors, Clinical Nurse Specialists, a senior medical social worker and administrative support.

What is Palliative Care?

Palliative Care is an approach which aims to improve the quality of life of people facing the problems associated with life-limiting illness and provide support for their families.

This includes medical, nursing, social, psychological, and spiritual care. Our aim is to ensure that as far as is possible any concerns you have are alleviated, promoting your quality of life throughout your illness.

How does it work?

Following a referral from your consultant, a member of the Specialist Palliative Care team will meet with you. They will review your medical condition, any symptoms you may have, how you are coping, and they will answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

If the Specialist Palliative Care team consider that a change in your medication would be helpful, they will discuss this with your hospital medical team, who have responsibility for your care.

Social Work Service:

The senior social worker attached to the Specialist Palliative Care team is available to provide emotional support and counselling to you and your family should you require it.

The social worker is available to meet with families who are concerned about how to talk to their children about the impact of illness on either yourself or your family. The social worker may assist you in making plans for your future care, whether that is to return home or to a more appropriate care facility.

If you are returning home the social worker will assist you in applying for a medical card, equipment, carers and any other supports to enable you to return home.

What about when I am discharged?

Your medical team will plan your discharge. The Specialist Palliative Care team will work with you and your medical team to identify the level of care you require and where you would like your future care to be provided.

Your medical team will be responsible for organizing your prescriptions and let your GP know.

Community Palliative Care:

The Specialist Palliative Care team will assess your symptoms and if you require additional support at home with regard to symptom management then a referral will be sent to your local Community Palliative Care service.

The Community Palliative Care service will normally make contact with you at home within two weeks of discharge. Community Palliative