

The Prince of Wales Hospice

All we can do...

to address all your needs

For over 20 years, The Prince of Wales Hospice has cared for and supported patients with life-limiting illness and their families.

We are an integral part of the Five Towns' community, offering round-the-clock support 365 days a year to help families through difficult times. Focussing on life not death, we aim to give patients, family members and carers positive experiences, providing exactly what they need to enjoy the best possible quality of life.

Our multidisciplinary team is dedicated to delivering inspirational care in a comfortable, welcoming environment. While all of our care is free of charge to all of our patients, any contributions that families can make towards our costs are of course very welcome.

We promise to do **ALL WE CAN DO** - and we can do a lot, as you will discover by reading this leaflet.



Incare

The Prince of Wales Hospice has 10 ensuite bedrooms, all equipped with a television and with access to the beautiful Hospice gardens. These rooms provide a calm, reassuring environment for patients to receive expert care from our team of doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals.

Patients come to stay with us in need of support for a number of reasons, including:

- short-term symptom management
- emotional or spiritual distress
- complex end-of-life care



We pride ourselves on working in partnership with our patients, taking their wishes into consideration and doing all we can do to make sure that they feel comfortable and are treated with dignity.

Lymphoedema clinic

Lymphoedema is a condition in which the arms or legs swell due to a build up of fluid. It is most often caused by the removal of the lymph nodes as part of treatment for cancer.

Although lymphoedema is not curable, it can be treated and managed by our specially trained nursing team at the Clinic, and through suggested activities at home.

Day therapy

Our Day Therapy programme is available to anyone with a life-limiting illness in need of extra support. We offer a number of activities designed to encourage positive experiences:

- art and craft activities
- complementary therapies
- group relaxation sessions



Patients can access specialist nursing and medical care and get support through emotional or social difficulties. Physiotherapists and occupational therapists are also available to help patients gain and retain physical independence.

Patients are eligible for a 12-week structured support programme and participation in a self-help group, if appropriate.

Complementary therapies

Complementary therapies have been shown to help make life more comfortable for patients, by promoting relaxation and reducing anxiety.

The Prince of Wales Hospice offers a variety of these treatments, which should not be seen as a replacement for conventional medicines. The treatments available to patients and carers include massage, reflexology, aromatherapy, Reiki, relaxation and visualisation and group therapy.



Family care

The families of patients with life-limiting illness also need support, and The Prince of Wales Hospice is here to do just that. We offer a sympathetic ear, friendship, confidentiality and spiritual guidance to people with loved ones undergoing care at the Hospice, throughout their treatment, and beyond.

Spiritual support: our small chapel provides somewhere quiet to meditate or pray. We have our own chaplain, but patients' own spiritual leaders are welcome at any time.

Practical help: we also offer practical advice and support to families about future care when patients leave the Hospice and prepare to return home. Our social worker meets with patients and their families to talk about their needs and concerns, and then helps make sure that these needs are met.

Bereavement:

our Bereavement Support Team is here to help families come to terms with the loss of a loved one.



Carer support

The Prince of Wales Hospice is also committed to caring for the carers. While looking after someone with a life-limiting illness is a real labour of love, it can come with enormous emotional and physical pressures.

We can help to ease some of that pressure, addressing the physical, psychological, social and spiritual demands of someone in this position and making sure their own needs are being met.

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all we can do to support you and your family

We are passionate about supporting people with life-limiting illness and their families in a positive, caring and practical way.

Referrals can be made through your GP or hospital doctor. Macmillan nurses or community nurses can also make referrals through your doctor if you would prefer to talk to them.

Once you have been admitted, a plan of care will be drawn up, taking the wishes of you and your family into consideration.

For further information, or to make a contribution, please contact us:

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to ensure a good quality of life for patients with life-limiting illness



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