

10 THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT HOSPICE CARE



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Hospice care is about living as well as possible



Hospice care is about living and dying well. We help people manage symptoms, feel more comfortable and make the most of the time they have.

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Hospice care is for people with many different conditions



We care for people with a range of life-limiting conditions, including cancer, motor neurone disease, heart and lung disease, lymphoedema and many more.

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Our hospice care is for adults of all ages



Our care is available to anyone over 18, not just older people. Because serious illness doesn't only affect older people, many of those we support are under 65.

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Hospice care can help at every stage of illness



We support people from diagnosis through to end-of-life, helping them live as well as possible along the way.

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Hospice care supports the whole family



When someone is seriously ill, it affects everyone who loves them. Our support extends to families, carers and those important to the patient, before and after their loved one dies.

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Hospice is full of life



There is still laughter, love and life at the hospice. Children, friends and pets are welcome, and we celebrate special moments together.

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Hospice care is not like being in hospital



Our hospice is bright and welcoming, designed to feel like home. Our expert, holistic care focuses on the person and what matters most to them.

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Hospice care happens in many places



Hospice care happens in many places, including people's homes and our local community. We help people stay where they want to be, surrounded by the people and things they love.

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Hospice care is free to those who need it, but not fully funded by the NHS



Only about a third of our cost is covered by the NHS. We are a charity, and the majority of the costs are raised through donations and community support.

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Talking about death can help



Talking about death isn't easy, but starting conversations early helps people share their wishes, make plans and talk openly about what matters.

"The difference in Dad is amazing. The nurses didn't just care for him physically, they gave him hope. And they gave us time together we never thought we'd have." – Kevin



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