

PATHWAY FOR COMPLEX DISCHARGES INTO COMMUNITY SETTINGS AND CARE HOMES

Patients (people) discharged to residential beds with ongoing 'nursing needs' will generally receive their nursing care via the District Nursing Service.

In addition, although patients discharged to a nursing bed will receive their day to day care through registered nurses employed by the home, on occasions where the nurses require additional support with regards to aspects of care that they are unfamiliar with, the District Nursing Service can be contacted to request advice and guidance. An example might be setting up a syringe driver for end of life care.

For residents in the Bradford District, District Nursing services can be requested via the Single Point of Access 24 hours a day.

Your district nursing team can be contacted by calling the single point of access team on Bradford 01274 256131.

In addition, all staff may contact the Gold Line at Airedale General Hospital for advice and support for people identified as 'palliative' **Gold Line can be contacted on 01535 292768.**

PALLIATIVE CARE AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR CARE HOME AND HOME SUPPORT STAFF

Planned End of Life Training for care homes can be requested through the End of Life Facilitator

What Is Palliative Care?

The World Health Organisation (2005) defines palliative care as approach to care which focuses on comfort and quality of life of those affected by life limiting illness.

Palliative Care Is About Living as the goal is more than comfort in dying.

Who is involved? The patient, their family and those who are important to them and their multidisciplinary team are all involved in providing palliative care.

For quality of life to continue, palliative care approach is offered and should be explained as such. The diagnosis is a mere confirmation of the illness being life limiting.

To book a session please contact: -

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