

Halton Haven Hospice – Change to services with immediate effect

We are writing to inform you of a change to the services provided at Halton Haven Hospice. The Hospice has been to date offering a Specialist Palliative Care Consultant led model. With immediate effect Halton Haven Hospice will move to a Nurse Led Palliative Care Hospice Service.

New Nurse led Palliative Care Pathway

In terms of the new Nurse Led Palliative Care pathway, the hospice will from today provide a range of services to the people of Halton that is nurse led and provides high quality, flexible and appropriate care at the end of life as well as meeting the key steps laid out in the end of life strategy. These will include:

- Inpatient care
- Day hospice services
- Family support and bereavement services
- Complimentary therapies
- Clinical advice and support

All of the above services will be nurse led and delivered through a core palliative multidisciplinary team (MDT), to provide holistic care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Please see below;

Inpatient Clinical Pathway

Inclusions	Referral criteria	Source of referrals	Exclusions	Managing referrals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Patients over the age of 18. + Patients with a life limiting illness at any stage in their illness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + End of life care where the patient's symptom control is stable. + Respite care. + Rehabilitation. + Where the support network of the patient is having difficulties in adjusting to/ coping with the illness functionally, psychologically, spiritually or emotionally. 	<p>Referrals will be accepted from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Any health care professional, provided that the patient, carer and general practitioner/ consultant are aware and in agreement with referral to the service. 	<p>Patient has uncontrolled physical, psychological or spiritual symptoms.</p>	<p>The referrals meeting in Halton Haven Hospice should be held at least once every week day and led by the senior clinician.</p>

Can you please ensure you have distributed this information to the relevant services within your organisation.