

# **Hospice at Home:**

## **Support for patients who prefer to be cared for at home**

Hospice Isle of Man has provided a Hospice at Home (H@H) service since 1997. It was founded by Don and Ali Westacott and is still partly funded by the Diana Princess of Wales Care at Home Trust. The aim of H@H is to enable adult patients with cancer or other life limiting illnesses to be cared for in the comfort of their own home.

The H@H service is a team effort - a close working partnership between Hospice Isle of Man and those working in the wider community, typically including the patient's GP, District Nurses, the Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Specialist (PCCNS) and other social and healthcare professionals.

It is by definition a flexible service, complementing primary care. Regular assessments ensure that the team is able to respond appropriately and quickly to a patient's changing needs.

### **Referral and how the H@H service works:**

Referral to this service is through a PCCNS, who assesses the patient's individual need. The amount of support given is dependent on this need and the overall demand for this service at any given time.

Although respite care and end of life care are two of the most vital aspects of the service, focus is on providing support of all kinds - physical, emotional, psychological, social and spiritual - for patient, family and carers. Working with family and in the best interest of all concerned is always the overriding objective.

### **What a nurse providing H@H care requires:**

The basic requirements are simply these:

- A comfortable chair.
- Facilities for making a hot drink.
- Toilet access.
- Suitable heating (for overnight care).



- Sufficient light (for evening / overnight shifts).

The Hospice at Home service and Hospice Isle of Man are constantly striving to improve the standard and scope of services provided and welcome comments and suggestions.

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