

# Hospice at Home

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Our community teams provide specialist care for you in your home as well as accessing support at the hospice when you need it.

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## Our Hospice at Home service:

- Cares for people who are at the end stage of their illness and have a wish to die at home.
- Provides care in people's own homes in partnership with Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust (BCHC) working alongside GPs and other care providers.
- Helps people avoid potential crises that could lead to unwanted hospital admissions.
- Ensures a timely discharge of people in hospital who are nearing the end of their lives and want to be cared for at home.

## Who do we care for?

Our Hospice at Home service is available for individuals who:

- Are over the age of 18.
- Are assessed as having a limited life expectancy and wish to be cared for and die at home.
- Are under the care of a Birmingham or Sandwell GP and live within the catchment area of Birmingham Hospice.

## What we provide:

You will be assessed by a registered nurse from Birmingham Hospice who will put together a bespoke care plan for you, liaising with your GP, District Nurse and Hospital Consultant as necessary. The team can help with symptom management and pain control. We also have specialist nurses in neurological and respiratory conditions.

We will provide a package of care in your own home of up to three calls per day until a long-term package of care can be provided.

Our team will support with personal care, patient comfort and nursing care as appropriate. We can also provide advice and emotional care to individuals and their families, carers and loved ones – including counselling and bereavement support.

## How long will Hospice at Home visit for?

Care is provided for approximately four weeks before being reviewed. Care may continue following review and discussion with you, your carers and District Nurses.

If your problems have resolved and your condition has stabilised, ongoing care may be transferred to another care provider.

### Referral process:

The referral form can be found on our website:  
[birminghamhospice.org.uk](http://birminghamhospice.org.uk)

Completed forms can then be returned to  
[hobs.referrals@nhs.net](mailto:hobs.referrals@nhs.net)

If you have any queries or would like any advice regarding new referrals or the Hospice at Home service, please contact the HoBS Team on **0121 809 1900**. This number is available 24/7.

