

## Social work in palliative care

---

Social work has an important role in the delivery of meaningful palliative, end of life and bereavement care.

---

Palliative Care Social Workers specialise in working with adults who are at the end of their life, their families, those they are close to and their communities. They bring social care expertise and perspective to situations in order to ensure that people get the support they need.

They advocate strongly on behalf of those with a terminal diagnosis and the people and those close to them responding to the impact of diversity, disadvantage, and discrimination on peoples' situations ensuring their individual needs are met.

**Birmingham Hospice has a team of dedicated Palliative Care Social Workers who can support you in the following ways:**

- Complete an assessment for care and support.
- Refer to appropriate agencies, such as health or Social Services.

- Advocate for people and their carers to ensure people are safe in their environment.
- Signposting for support in: Housing, benefit advice and writing wills.

If you feel you need the support of a Palliative Care Social Worker, please speak to a healthcare professional and ask them to refer you to the team at Birmingham Hospice.

### Contact the Social Team:

E: [Hobs.referrals@nhs.net](mailto:Hobs.referrals@nhs.net)  
T: 0121 809 1900

Or visit our website  
[www.birminghamhospice.org.uk](http://www.birminghamhospice.org.uk)  
for more information about  
the support we offer.