

# "Who can support you"

## The multi-disciplinary team

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### GP

First port of call for medical issues and may coordinate the palliative care register

### Religious / Cultural supports

Individual to each person — representative can visit resident or access place of worship. See the *death and dying practices chart* in the bereavement section of the toolkit

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### Continuing health care (CHC)

NHS Package of care for end of life patients cared for outside of hospital. See *assessments* in the end of life care section of the toolkit

### District Nurse

Nurse that provides care at home, usually linked to specific surgery

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### Community palliative care nurse/team

Specialist professionals who work alongside GP and medical team in the community. See *what is palliative care* in the end of life care section of the toolkit

### Marie Curie / Macmillan

Provides nursing care at home and overnight. See the *hospice at home service* in the end of life care section of the toolkit

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### Hospice

Provides care (medical, psychological, therapeutic) and respite for palliative patients

### Social worker

Provide care assessments, advice and information to address needs of individual. Can support patient with entitlement for DS1500 payments. See *assessments* in the end of life care section of the toolkit

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### Psychological / emotional support

Available through GP or external agencies

### Pharmacy

Dispenses medications. Some pharmacies can agree to drop off service if patient bed bound

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### Drug and alcohol services

Provides advice and support around harm minimisation, abstinence, detox and rehab

### Occupational therapist

Ensures patient has adequate support to carry out everyday activities

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### Mental health advocate

Ensures the needs of patients are met by working within the Mental Health Act framework. See *Mental Capacity* in the end of life care section of the toolkit

### Health advocate

Promotes access to health services

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### Family / friends

See the *Ecomap* in the end of life care section of the toolkit

### Salvation army

Provides advice and support in reuniting families

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