

**Palliation
and
the
caring
hospital**



PATCH
care when it's needed

What is PATCH?

The first charity specifically to support 24/7 specialist palliative care for patients in hospital.



Why is it needed?

A number of recent reports found the care of patients in hospital who were very ill or dying, to be wanting.

Only a minority of patients who could benefit from quality palliative care receive it. We are all diminished unless there is urgent improvement.

55% of people die in a hospital

5% of patients die in a hospice ¹

“There is nothing more reassuring than a doctor who can talk to you about your symptoms as accurately as you can.”

¹ National Records of Scotland; Information Statistics Division. 2009–2012 data.

SPECIALIST ADVICE DAY OR NIGHT. NOT JUST DURING OFFICE HOURS.

Most hospitals have access to specialist palliative care for only 25% of the week, namely Monday to Friday 9am–5pm.

Imagine how much better patient care would be if all patients had skilled, specialist palliative care available twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

That's what we aim to do.

PATCH was inspired by the model of care developed in the Acute Palliative Care Unit in Ninewells Hospital, Dundee. This model of care was started by a charitable donation to NHS Tayside Endowment Fund and is now funded by NHS Tayside.

DONATIONS

£50

could provide two sessions of complementary therapy.

£500

could provide ten sessions of physiotherapy to help patients go home.

£5000

could provide palliative care pharmacy input for the hospital for two months.

£10,000

could fund one PATCH bed staffed by a specialist palliative care team for six weeks.

£25,000

could provide a patient with care from a palliative care nurse for six months.

£150,000

could fund one PATCH bed staffed by a palliative care specialist team for one year.

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WHY PATCH? WHY NOT BUILD MORE HOSPICES?

It would not solve the problem. Many of the patients who would benefit are already in hospital where they are undergoing tests or treatment. Provided their symptoms are well controlled and there is a clear plan for future care, most would prefer to go home — if there is enough support and care available. With PATCH support, this becomes an option which many patients and their families would consider.

WHAT DOES PATCH FUND?

PATCH will fund hospitals to develop palliative care services. This could include dedicated beds, staff, advisory services and research.

WORKING WITH MAGGIE'S

We will work closely with Maggie's and will collaborate with other charities for the benefit of palliative care patients and their families.

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