

Patients going home from hospital

In the event of the patient dying, the patient's GP and District Nurses must be contacted.

The patients GP, out of hours GP service and District Nurse will be informed of the discharge. The District Nurse will aim to visit as soon as possible, as they are the primary team involved in the care at home.

The Community Macmillan Team will be informed of the discharge and requested to contact you if appropriate.

Enhanced Rapid Discharge Home Patient, Relative & Carers Information Leaflet

Hospital Specialist Palliative Care Team

This leaflet can be made available
in alternative languages / formats on request.

如有需要，本传单可提供其他语言/版式
此單張的其他語言/格式版本可按要求提供

Na żądanie ta ulotka może zostać udostępniona
w innych językach/formatach.

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The Enhanced Rapid Discharge from hospital to home is designed to support the wishes of patients in their last hours or days of life when their preferred place of care is home.

The patient will be taken home by ambulance. A family member or friend can travel in the ambulance, or meets the ambulance at the patient's home.

A 'do not attempt resuscitation' form, signed by a senior doctor, will go with the patient for the journey and please keep in a safe place at home. A decision has been made that in the event that the patient should die during the journey home, he or she will not be resuscitated. Discussions should take place whether in that situation the patient continues home or returns to hospital.

The patient will be discharged with '**Just in Case**' medications should they be required to control symptoms, which the District Nurse (DN) can administer if needed, the patient may be discharged with a syringe driver in place if they require regular medications to control symptoms. Usually at this stage, regular oral medications may be stopped.

Due to the rapid nature of this discharge, in most circumstances a package of care will not be available on discharge.

This means personal care must be provided by the family.

Useful Contact Numbers

Ward Contact No:

GP:

GP out of hours service:

111

District Nurse:
(between times)

am to pm

District Nurse
evening service
& weekends:
(between times)

pm to am

Community
Macmillan Nurse:

Please contact District Nurses on the above numbers when the patient arrives at home.

For further details, please see the first page of the District Nursing Record, this will be completed by the DN on their first visit.