# Community Hub Team



St Vincent's Hospice

the little hospice with the big heart

## **The Community Hub Team**

The community team works in partnership with other health professionals like district nurses, social carers and GPs. The service is run in addition to the care these people may already provide and does not replace it. They work to support that care and to enhance it when times are particularly difficult.

#### **Community Nurse Specialists**

Our Community Palliative Care Nurse Specialists provide a service for patients, families or carers, at home or in care homes. This could be at the time of diagnosis or at any point throughout an illness.

They undertake a comprehensive nursing assessment to find out exactly what patients and families need, then offer advice and support as required, to form an individualised plan of care.

#### **Social Work**

At St Vincent's Hospice we have a dedicated Social Worker who can assist with practical support around benefits, finance, etc. and can also help, if necessary, in arranging care services and support when patients go home from the Hospice.

# **Children and Young People's Service**

St. Vincent's Hospice is one of the few places to offer a dedicated bereavement support service specifically tailored towards helping children and young people (aged 2-18) cope with the loss of a loved one. We work in a person centered way and meet the young people in a space that is comfortable to them either in school, home, hospice or community. We have close relationships with schools who are our biggest referrer and offer them guidance and support when required.

#### **Counselling and Spiritual Care**

We have professionally trained counsellors to help patients and their families with emotional, psychological and spiritual support when adjusting to the diagnosis of a life-limiting condition.

Our bereavement support begins from your loved ones initial referral and continues throughout their care – not only once a loss has been experienced.







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