



Palliative care delivery: An overview for healthcare professionals

Palliative care involves multiple teams working together to provide the best possible care for patients. This guide summarises the main skills and responsibilities of each team for those supporting patients referred to Shipston Home Nursing or living in our catchment area of Shipston, Wellesbourne, Kineton, Bidford on Avon, and surrounding villages.

Team	Responsibility	Specific expertise/skills
Shipston Home Nursing	Hospice care at home, from palliative diagnosis, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptom control • Personal care • Emotional support • Respite/night sits Level of support typically increases as illness develops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient and family support • Advanced care planning discussions • ReSPECT form discussions • Administer pre-prescribed medication (adapt range)
GP (supported by frailty nurses)	Overall responsibility for day-to-day patient health and care provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribing medication • Diagnoses
Hospital	Emergency and/or specialist care including operations, chemotherapy and clinically complex palliative care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialist consultants • Emergency care • Post operative rehabilitation

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District nursing team	Community-based clinical care and support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and managing symptoms (including medication) • Supporting patients, carers and families
In-patient hospice	End of life care/last 6 weeks Respite stays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialist clinical care • Meeting patient needs that cannot be delivered safely at home or where a patient requests in-patient care

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