

# Palliative Care Services Referral Criteria

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Specialist palliative care services are available in Chorley, Greater Preston, Longridge, and South Ribble for adults (aged 18 and over) with progressive, life-limiting illnesses of any aetiology e.g. metastatic cancer, end stage respiratory disease, cardiac failure, progressive neurological disease, advancing dementia, general frailty with multiple co-morbidities.

Community referrals will only be accepted if the person you are wishing to refer is registered with a General Practitioner in Chorley, Greater Preston, Longridge, and South Ribble.

If you are referred for in-patient care and the person is not registered with a General Practitioner in Chorley, Greater Preston, Longridge, and South Ribble, please contact the Hospice on 01772 629171 (Monday to Friday 08.30-16.30) to discuss with a member of the medical team prior to submitting a referral form.

## Referrals are accepted for any of the following reasons:

- 👤 Pain and/or symptom management. e.g. symptoms that are not responding to initial steps in management, or are anticipated to be challenging
- 👤 Psychological, spiritual and/or social needs
- 👤 Terminal care (last days/weeks of life)
- 👤 Support with advance care planning
- 👤 To act as a specialist resource for primary healthcare teams

Please note, whilst recognising the value of respite, unfortunately we are unable to offer in-patient respite care at St Catherine's Hospice.

## Referrals are accepted from:

- 👤 Hospital Consultants
  - 👤 General Practitioners
  - 👤 Resident doctors (with the agreement of senior clinician overseeing patient care)
  - 👤 Specialist Palliative Care teams
  - 👤 Specialist nurses
  - 👤 Ward nurses (team leader)
  - 👤 District nurses (team leader)
  - 👤 Community matrons
  - 👤 Allied Health Professionals/Advanced clinical practitioners
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