

REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

END OF LIFE CARE – BARNESLEY HOSPICE

Barnsley Hospice is committed to improving access to and delivery of the highest standards of quality end of life care for all people in all areas of Barnsley.

We are specialists in this field and are keen to take the lead on the coordination, development, education and delivery of all aspects of quality end of life and palliative care in the area.

Following our presentation to the Health and Well Being Board in April where we outlined that the demand for end of life care is greater than is currently provided for, recommending a strategic target to reduce deaths in hospital would stimulate better care and patient choice. We intend to:

1) Employ an End of Life Care Coordinator, who will work closely with all providers, including, General Practitioners, Barnsley Hospital, SWYFT, community organisations and third sector partners.

This person will bring these stakeholders together to ensure that patients and carers will have access to the right service provision in order to reduce the number of deaths in the hospital environment.

As such we would therefore like to come and present a detailed report to the next Health and Wellbeing Board of this vision and how the changes and improvements to end of life and specialist palliative care can be introduced and the part that all providers can play.

2) Develop the end of life register. Barnsley needs a lead provider for end of life care in order to develop these collaborative relationships with all providers to ensure that improvements are made to the quality of care and experience that people have at the end of their lives, especially in the more socially deprived areas which have a lower life expectancy i.e the East Barnsley area. A register we believe will aid not only the development of service provision but also access to it.

The Health and Well being Board kindly invited us back to discuss these ideas in more detail and we are keen to do this. Since the last meeting Barnsley Hospice Chief Executive has departed to pursue new opportunities and as such the Board of Trustees has taken the step to appoint an Interim Chief executive who will be in post by the beginning of August whilst they recruit a new Chief Executive.

This will ensure that we have the capacity and capability to work with the Health and Wellbeing Board, Clinical Commissioning Group, SWYFT and all other partners in the coming months to start to drive the significant developments and essential changes that are needed in the delivery of quality end of life and specialist palliative care.

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