



Please contact us if you would like more information on the range of services which help people cope with an illness at home. Areas covered include:

- Financial assistance available
- Domestic help
- Ways to cope emotionally
- Help to support children
- Resources and in-home respite for families and carers

We are happy to arrange a visit to our inpatient unit for people who are interested.



GREENWICH HOSPITAL

Greenwich is one of three public hospitals, a nursing home and community services which make up Hope Healthcare.

We set out to provide quality health services which reflect the Christian values of unconditional love and respect for every individual.

Greenwich Hospital works in conjunction with Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service.

Admission is open to any person requiring the special expertise offered in palliative care, rehabilitation and aged care, and psychogeriatric services.

Funding

The Hospital is funded by the New South Wales Department of Health for its operating expenses, but relies heavily on bequests and donations for capital expenditure and special items of equipment.

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Greenwich Community Palliative Care Service



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Community Palliative Care Service

What is palliative care?

Palliative care aims to make people as comfortable and symptom-free as possible during the course of a progressive life-threatening illness. We aim to provide comprehensive support for the person, their family and other carers, support which embraces physical, psychological and spiritual needs.

Where can I find this care?

Greenwich Hospital provides comprehensive palliative care services including a community support and back-up service to people in their homes, an inpatient service and 24-hour telephone advice.

The Community Palliative Care Service was initiated in 1989 for people with life-threatening illnesses. It covers the municipal areas of North Sydney, Mosman, Lane Cove, Willoughby and Ryde.

A multidisciplinary team works in consultation with your local doctor, Northern Sydney Home Nursing Service and other community support agencies to enable you to stay at home.

Admission to the Palliative Care Unit of Greenwich Hospital is also available. This can be valuable in providing respite for your family, or specialised symptom management for you.

Who is available to help?

Patients have available to them the services of the whole treatment team, including:

- Medical Consultant
- Nurse Consultant
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Social Worker/Counsellor
- Volunteers

Other staff of Greenwich Hospital are also available:

- Diversional Therapist
- Pharmacist
- Speech Pathologist
- Dietitian
- Chaplain

How is referral arranged?

Anyone can refer to the Community team by contacting the Co-ordinator on 9903 8333. There is no charge for these services.

A 24-hour Telephone Advisory Service is also available to you, your family and carers, and to health professionals.

What help is provided?

The Community Palliative Care Service directly supports you if you are experiencing discomfort or distress, and carers who have concerns related to your illness.

The Service also provides consultation to local medical practitioners and other health professionals with regard to palliative care issues.

Your local doctor is able to ring at any time for information on symptom management of your illness.

What other assistance is available?

Equipment

Advice is available on equipment which could improve your independence and comfort, as well as making it easier for your carers to provide assistance safely. A range of equipment is available on a loan basis, including:

- Shower chairs
- Commodes
- Walking aids
- Pressure care equipment.

Information

We have information available on a range of other services which provide assistance to people in their homes, and we will help you access these as necessary.



HOW TO CONTACT US

Community Palliative Care Service:

Tel: **9903 8333** business hours,
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24-hour Telephone Advisory Service:

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