



Wigan & Leigh Hospice

SUPPORTING PEOPLE
**EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS**

WITH PALLIATIVE AND END
OF LIFE CARE



INFORMATION FOR HEALTH
AND SOCIAL CARE PROFESSIONALS

BACKGROUND

People experiencing homelessness may face unique healthcare challenges, especially concerning palliative and end-of-life care. Issues may arise such as limited access to medical services and numerous other barriers during their final stages of life. If they're living with complex health conditions, mental health issues and substance abuse, this could also affect their end-of-life journey.

The Wigan Palliative and End of Life Care Learning Hub at Wigan & Leigh Hospice aims to enhance the experience of those experiencing homelessness or vulnerably housed people at their end of life by educating and supporting those around them.

The team is based at Wigan & Leigh Hospice in Hindley and is made up of experienced registered nurses, healthcare assistants and a social worker.



WHAT WE CAN OFFER

The team can provide support to your organisation through:

- A variety of education and training sessions, including **one-on-one or group teaching**, to support palliative and end-of-life care learning needs.
- **Collaboration with temporary housing settings** to ascertain individual preferences and **develop action plans** to meet those preferences.
- **Regular coding meetings with staff** to identify deteriorating service users and support care settings in meeting their needs.
- **Practical support visits to care settings** when managing someone in their last few days of life, and **addressing specific learning needs** to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions.





The Wigan Palliative and End of Life Care Learning Hub at Wigan & Leigh Hospice can offer support and training to any services working with vulnerably housed communities across Wigan. This may include supporting discussions about service users whose health may be deteriorating.

Our dedicated team aims to provide a needs-led and timely palliative and end of life care education and advice service. The team can provide direct support to people living with a range of health conditions, such as advanced liver disease, COPD, cancer or any other life limiting illnesses.

Please contact the team if you require training or support.



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