The Paediatric Palliative **Care Team**

Medical Staff:

5 Consultants (all part time)

2 Clinical fellows

1 Paediatric sub-speciality trainee

Nursing staff: 7 Clinical Nurse Specialists

Admin: 3 administrators

Pharmacy: 1 pharmacist



Bereavement Team: 3 Bereavement Counsellors

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How the paediatric team differs from adult services

- · Large geographical area · Long term management
- Community and hospital
- · Many patients for full active

management





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Innovations & Development

- · Cardiac Pathway
- Transfers out of hospital for extubation
- Antenatal pathway
- Hub and Spoke network development



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Let's Talk: Advance Care **Planning** Our vision

Patients deserve to have the information and support they need to make decisions about their future care.

Healthcare staff deserve to have the knowledge and skills to support patients make decisions about future care.



Let's Talk: Equitable





Palliative care, Denmark Hill

- Nearly 1000 inpatient beds, predominantly serving the
- populations of Southwark, Lambeth and Lewisham.

 We rank as the 17th busiest hospital in the UK and have one of the largest no. of intensive care beds in the UK (90+).

 There is never a 'normal day'....
- Many specialist services, national and international. These include: being one of 8 hyper-acute stroke centres in London; a major trauma centre with helipad, specialist haematology / bone marrow transplant services; a liver transplant centre and a specialist neurosurgery centre. Significant investment in services, but lack of investment into palliative care to support!
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 Our team compromises: 1 senior admin / service manager 1 admin role. 5.25WTE palliative medicine consultants (including 3 clinical/academics); 9 clinical nurse specialists; 2 palliative care social workers; 1 practice development nurse; I matron and 1 nurse consultant. We receive most than 1,500 referrals a year from across the site (average case load 40-50 patients). We have a much higher percentage of sick younger people in comparison to many sites (27% of referrals are for patients aged 24 to 65 years)

 Seven day on site CNS service (8-6) supported by medical teams.

 Co-located with the academic department in the Cicely Saunders Institute.

Where do we want to be?



- · Hold on to what we have and avoid attrition through the hospital financial position.
- Prioritise staff well-being.
- . Continue / build on collaborative working with PRUH, GSTT, broader community.
- Aiming to move from a reactive to a more proactive service; aim to prioritise inclusivity.

 - Identifying key areas for biggest impact.
 Need to support new AMU when open alongside the expanded ITU service.
 We want to increase our input into complex decision making in ITU, complex haematology patents (CAR-T treatments), transplantation.
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Specialist palliative care in a 3.8 WTE consultants, 5.9 WTE Band 7 CNS, 1 Band 8a, 0.8 WTE SW, 1 WTE admin 7 day CNS service but challenging to cover Part of KCH – work closely with DH/CSI team

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Innovations and Developments

- A service evaluation is being carried out taking the form of a needs assessment to identify unmet palliative care needs amongst patient accessing care at Harefield Hospital.
- Successful bid to the Showing we Care for funding for a years pilot to provide clinical supervision to all clinical members of the team. Aim to evaluate and deliver a business case for Trust funding at the end of the pilot. Thanks to Lillian Zoubiri.
- Following a successful application to the RBH charity funding for one years funding a 0.5 WTE clinical academic research nurse was recruited into the team who is now completing a project to improve the management of the symptom of breathlessness amongst patients at HH and RBH.
- At Euro ELSO in April and at the Association of Palliative Care Congress in June last year oral and poster presentations were made for the work done at both sites to provide enhanced support to families of patients in IT



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Staffing

- Consultant in Palliative Medicine
 Royal Brompton- 0.8 Whole time equivalent (WTE)
 Harefield 0.7 WTE

Band 8a Team Leader- 1.0 WTE Nurse Band 7- 6.0 Whole time equivalent (WTE) (0.4 practice educator)

Admin Band 4-1.0 WTE

Currently at full establishment

Band 8a and one Band 7 post sponsored by MacMillan



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Challenges

- Managing uncertainty in two tertiary cardiothoracic hospitals
- · Dying often diagnosed late in patients journey
- Over 50% of patients referred die in intensive care unit
- · Lack of a seven day service
- No medical support for pall care OOH nursing on call at HH
- Stand alone Consultant in Pall Med at HH



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Patient Services

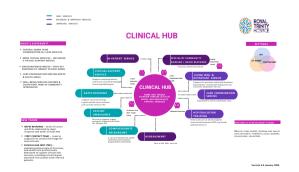
- > Inpatient, community and living well
- > 5 year growth strategy to reach more patients
- Transform Programme launched April 2022 to revise our model of care aiming to:
 Make best use of our existing workforce model and facilities, utilising digital and virtual working
 Extend our reach across all of our diverse communities

 - communities
 Strengthen our collaboration with partners using innovative pathways
 Invest in expanding our services, workforce and facilities





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Current Highlights and Innovations

- > Living well service
- > Community Engagement
- > Rapid response service
- > Increased skill mix in community team (especially PCA role) Advancing practice CNS role supporting development of new CNSs
- ➤ Substantive medical role in community team and increased rotational roles
- > SPOA and care coordination





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Future Innovations

- > Virtual Support Service
- > Trinity Ambulance
- > Overnight rapid response service





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