

*St Benedict's Hospice launch an appeal for £400,000 to
expand their
Hospice at Home Service*

St Benedict's Hospice provides a range of services for people with life limiting illness. We aim to provide care, advice and support to patients and their families to improve their quality of life. Choice of where to be cared for is of great importance and to enable us to increase choice we wish to expand our current services to provide more care at home and in the community.

Our Overnight Palliative Care Team currently offers :-

- A nursing service (9pm – 8am) enabling patients to be cared for in their own home by responding to and managing pain and other symptoms
- Two trained nurses on duty every night providing advice and support to the patient, carer and other professionals

There is currently a gap in our services is between 5pm and 9pm when the palliative care team is not available in the community and we need to expand our overnight team to cover these hours and develop a Hospice at Home Service.

Aims of Hospice at Home Service

- To provide choice and a service to patients with cancer and other life limiting conditions who wish to be cared for/to die in their own homes
- To have a coordinated and flexible care plan designed to meet the patient/carer needs over a 24 hour period
- To enable rapid discharge from hospital/hospice both in and out of hours
- To enable a planned visit on the day of discharge from hospital/hospice
- Support to carers in their role
- Respite for carers
- To enable more timely planned visits to patients in the evening which will likely avoid crisis later in the night

To enable us to expand our Hospice at Home Service we need to raise **£400,000**. We have received tremendous support over the years from the One Wish North East Hospices Lottery who are celebrating their 10th anniversary this year. Having donated hundreds of thousands of pounds to St Benedict's Hospice during that time, One Wish has now launched our appeal with a cheque for £22,900. We have also received a cheque for £6,500 which was raised by relatives in memory of Jimmy Hall after holding a number of fundraising events

Donations may be sent to :- The Fundraising Department, St Benedict's Hospice, Newcastle Road, Sunderland SR5 1NB. (Cheques to be made payable to St Benedict's Hospice,) or if you would like to support the appeal by holding a Fundraising event or require further information please contact the Fundraising Office Tel. 0191-5699194