

# REFERRAL FORM

Please discuss all urgent referrals with the doctors on duty at St Anne's.

### Hospice Use Only

Date placed on list.....

**URGENCY: L M H U**

Estimated date of admission given.....

Contingency plan.....

Date off list/reason.....

**Date:**  
**PATIENT NAME:**  
**D.O.B:**  
**Address:**

**GP Name and Practice:**

**GP telephone number:**  
**GP fax number:**

**Patient's current location:**  
**Patient contact telephone number:**

**District nurse involved:**  
**Consultants involved:**

**Referrer name/agency:**  
**Referrer contact number:**

**Who made the last clinical assessment and when?**

**DIAGNOSIS:** (please give details of primary and secondary sites)

Purpose of referral: Anticipated Terminal Care  Symptom Control  Procedure/Treatment  Respite

Urgency of need for admission: Immediately  Within 48 hrs  Within 2-5 days  Within 1-2 weeks

### CURRENT PROBLEMS

(please include details of strategies already employed to improve situation, continuing overleaf if necessary):

Has permission for referral been obtained from the patient/family? Y  N  Has continuing care funding been applied for? Y  N

(This section must be completed. Please circle a value from the categories below, using your patient's own evaluation whenever possible, based on an overall estimate of the past 24 hours.)

<b>Pain</b>	None	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Worst possible
<b>Tiredness/fatigue</b>	None	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Worst possible
<b>Nausea</b>	None	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Worst possible
<b>Short of breath</b>	None	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Worst possible
<b>Constipation</b>	None	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Worst possible
<b>Depression</b>	Not at all	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Worst possible
<b>Feeling anxious</b>	Not at all	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Worst possible
<b>Drowsiness</b>	Not at all	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Worst possible
<b>Appetite</b>	Normal	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Worst possible
<b>Wellbeing</b>	Normal	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Worst possible
<b>Other symptoms</b> (please state below):		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Worst possible
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This symptom evaluation has been made by: (please circle) Patient  Carer  Professional

(This section is an evaluation made by the healthcare professional making this referral. Please circle the most appropriate description from the categories below and give details overleaf.)

<b>Family anxiety</b>	None	Occasional	Sometimes	Most of the time	Overwhelming
<b>Spiritual distress</b>	Content	Minimal	Sometimes	Troubled	Distraught
<b>Care environment</b>	Appropriate	Mildly unsuitable	Moderately unsuitable	Mostly unsuitable	Totally unsuitable

Please add any further important details below:

**OUTCOMES (For Administration Purposes only):**

<b>Date of referral</b>	<b>Date:</b>				
<b>Has the referral form been seen by a Palliative Care Doctor</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Number of Days on waiting list</b>	
<b>Is the referral form complete?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	<b>Bed declined by patient</b>	
<b>Further information requested</b>	<b>Date:</b>			<b>Bed declined by referrer</b>	
<b>Has relevant information been obtained</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	<b>Delayed admission</b>	<i>Reason:</i>
<b>Information obtained from Canisic</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	<b>Died before admission</b>	
<b>Admission</b>	<b>Date:</b>			<i>Comments:</i>	
<b>Referrer informed</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Date:</b>		

**\*KEY (if appropriate)**

<b>Patient Choice</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Unavailable Bed</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Logistical Delays</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Staff Shortage</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Family Decision</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Admitted Elsewhere</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Infection Control Issues</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Medical Staffing</b>	<b>8</b>