

# Explanations of expected care and treatment at St. Catherine's Hospice, Scarborough

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## Project method

We wanted to develop a guide for patients, families (and possibly staff too) to explain what 'expected care and treatment' someone was consenting to when they were admitted to the hospice. If the patient lacked capacity to consent to this then we would try to establish a best interest decision regarding the admission. If the patient is admitted then this list of expected care is covered by the initial consent for admission, however if any of this care causes distress, or if 'additional care' (also outlined in the guide) is proposed, then further assessment of capacity is necessary for the care.

## Project results/evaluation

We met with the MDT to identify what we felt was 'expected' and 'additional' care, and the leaflet was written up. We asked for input from our Carer Support Group, and have circulated it to the MCA/DoLS Lead Professionals Group for York & North Yorkshire for comment. We have now just been piloting it for a couple of weeks. It could potentially be adapted for a number of settings.

## Project area classification

Hospital care		Emergency care	
GP care		Dementia	
Social care		Learning disability	
Voluntary sector		Other mental health	
Financial services		Palliative care	x
Police		Advance planning, LPAs	
Legal		Commissioning	
Community health care		Training	
Nursing and care home		For professionals?	x
Acute care		For public and service users?	x
Chronic care			