

Symptom Control and Palliative Care links to Guidance and Contacts for NHSGGC

<https://www.palliativecareguidelines.scot.nhs.uk/covid-19-guidance.aspx>

Please note, the National Guidance linked above on the **Scottish Palliative Care Guidelines** website replaces 'Covid-19 Symptom Control and Palliative Care' previously published on NHSGGC Guidelines Directory.

Additional information on Community Palliative Care Resources (Hospices, Community Palliative Care Teams) and [Guidance for Adults at End of Life](#) is available. Just click the [Palliative Care](#) button on the StaffNet home page.

If no StaffNet access go to: www.palliativecareggc.org.uk/professional/eolc



Specialist advice

If the above is not sufficient all acute sites have access to a [Hospital Specialist Palliative Care Team](#) and palliative care advice is available 24/7.

Site (Monday- Friday 9am – 5pm)	Page
Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Glasgow, Victoria Infirmary (South)	16009
Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Stobhill hospital, Lightburn (North)	Mobile 07929766462
Inverclyde Royal Hospital (Clyde)	51413
Royal Alexandra hospital (Clyde)	56315
Beatson WSCC & Gartnavel General hospital (West)	Phone 0141 3017041
Site (Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm)	
Vale of Leven hospital (Clyde)	87461

Out of hours there is a palliative medicine Dr on call in each sector via switchboard

Additional Support

Staff, patients and families may well require additional support over the coming weeks and months. Where possible the Hospital Specialist Palliative Care Team will provide support, although this will be resource dependant. This could include joint visits, supported debriefs and ad hoc ward support with the parent teams if this was felt to be helpful and practical. Please consider where appropriate alternative sources of support including Chaplaincy services.

Support around difficult discussions

There are challenging conversations that happen every day but will be more pronounced at the current time. It is important to support each other and there are some online resources that might help give a strategy for some of these discussions.

[EC4H - Talking with people and families about planning care, death and dying](#) (Open in Microsoft Edge)

[Difficult Conversations - Why we need to talk about dying;](#)

[NHS Inform - Palliative Care](#)

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