

They look after
my whole family.

Richard, a patient from Honiton

In-patient care

Our hospice in Exeter gives 24-hour nursing care supported by Hospiscare doctors and consultants.



24-hour expert care

If a patient has difficult symptoms they can be admitted to our 12-bed hospice in Exeter for round-the-clock nursing and medical care.

Patients may be admitted for pain and symptom control before returning home or to another place of choice, or they may be admitted for care during the last few days of their lives.

Referrals are made by a GP, hospital, or Hospiscare nurse. The average length of stay is ten days, and about 50% of patients are discharged home or into other care.

Download more information if you are [visiting a patient](#)
If you need directions to the hospice, see [finding us](#).

Hospiscare's values apply here, too

The hospice in-patient unit is very different from a hospital ward. Our main aim is to maximize the quality of life for each patient and to maintain their comfort and dignity.

To achieve this, we have a high number of nurses to patients, so that they have time to listen and explain treatments to patients and their families.

Our consultant-led medical team is especially skilled in end-of-life care and in the control of symptoms such as nausea and pain.

Home comfort

We do our best to provide home comforts, with access to our gardens, freshly prepared meals, and individual televisions or radios.

We recognise that people will have emotional, spiritual and social needs as well as physical ones, and we have the range of expertise to respond to all of these needs.

Patients and families may meet our chaplain, care managers, complementary therapists, or volunteers.

Staying at the hospice

For detailed information about a stay in the hospice in-patient unit, download the [in-patient guide](#). This guide is also available as an [audio resource](#).

Related Links

- [Referral to Hospiscare](#)

More about being referred to Hospiscare.

- [Directions to the hospice](#)

How to get to our Exeter hospice

- [Information for visitors](#)

a pdf with further information if you are visiting a patient at the hospice.

- [Information for patients](#)

A pdf with further information if you are admitted to the hospice

- [Audio information for patients](#)

An audio guide with information if you are staying at the hospice.