

# St Raphael's Your Local Hospice

# Where are we?

- London Road Cheam SM3 9DX
- Share and entrance with Spire St Anthony's
- Bungalow on the left as you enter the site
- Accessible by car – plenty of parking and
- by bus (93)





# What do we offer?

- Palliative and End of Life Care to any person referred to our service
- Community Assessment
- Hospice @ Home
- Day Therapy service
- Psychological Support
- Social Work Support
- Bereavement Service
- Volunteer Support (Volunteer Neighbours)



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# What is Palliative Care?

**Palliative care** is the active holistic **care** of patients with advanced progressive illness

It helps people live their life as fully and as comfortably as possible when living with a life-limiting or terminal illness



# What is End of Life Care?

- Care and support in the last months/weeks of life
- Facilitating discussions about what is important to the person
- Ensuring comfort and dignity – controlling symptoms
- Support to provide care at home alongside family and other care agencies
- Access to hospice care



# Why does end of life care matter?

- Opportunity to discuss what is important to you
- Time to prepare
- Personal choice about where you are cared for and die
- Care of those who are important to you
- Knowing your wishes will be supported
- Because every person deserves to have a good death



# Who can access hospice services?

- Any person in Merton or Sutton who is registered with a GP
- People are referred in the last 12 months of life for support of symptoms (physical/psychological) which have become difficult to manage.
- Our services are open to all communities and faiths/or none



# Myths about Hospice

- Hospice is where you go when there is nothing more a doctor can do.
- To be eligible for hospice, I have to be in the final stages of dying.
- Quality care at the end of life is very expensive.
- If I chose hospice care, I have to leave my home.
- Families are not able to care for people with life limiting illnesses.
- After the patient's death, hospice care ends.





You matter because you are you, and you matter to the end of your life. We will do all we can not only to help you die peacefully, but also to live until you die.

How people die remains in the memory of those who live on.



Thank you for your attention

Happy to take questions



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