The Rayne Foundation

St. Luke’s (Cheshire) Homelessness Project

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WHY?

Because we all deserve access to good end of life care
Because living well before we die should be accessible to all
Because this is what Hospices specialise in
WHAT DOES ST. LUKE’S (CHESHIRE) HOSPICE DO?

Provide specialist help around symptom management

Have an in-care service for respite care, symptom management and end of life care

Dedicated Day hospice where people can access complimentary therapies, full day visits for management of fatigue, medication management, proactive rather than reactive care and carer support

Employ a homelessness project lead one day a week and 2 homelessness counsellors for 3-4 hours per week each.
WHY IS PARTNERSHIP WORKING SO IMPORTANT?

Hospices have great expertise around end of life care and living well

Hostel staff have great expertise in supporting homeless people

Bringing Hospice and Hostel expertise together brings great benefits for homeless people with a life limiting illness
BILL BYTHEWAY-JACKSON, COUNSELLOR
CASE STUDY - JIMMY

- Close working relationship with Hostel staff allowed the referral
- Macmillan nurse aware of project – tell as many people as possible
- Try and ensure that service user has an advocate with them at appointments

- Hospice in-care fully on board
- Benefits worker available
- Local charities involved plus British Legion

- Referral to established services i.e District Nurses and GP for GSF
- Staying with Jimmy after discharge from Hospice for continuity
- Public Heath funeral – Hospice knowing who to contact as an expected death
QUESTIONS