

CARE AND INDEPENDENCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Dignity and Respect

End of Life Care

In line with the national end of life care strategy “End of Life Care Strategy: *Promoting high quality care for all adults at the end of life*”, NYYPCT has developed its own local strategy “North Yorkshire and York End of Life and Palliative Care Commissioning Strategy 2008 - 2011” in partnership with the Local Authority. North Yorkshire County Council are keen to ensure that end of life care is inclusive as part of the whole care management process and that appropriate care is there for people at the time they and their carers require it, in the setting of their choice.

There is close working across the 23 adult social care localities with the PCT-run palliative care services and the community hospitals where in-patient palliative care is offered. Health funding is used to fund Marie Curie nursing care in people’s own homes across the county and the Herriot Hospice at home scheme (Hambleton and Richmondshire). Hospice cover is provided throughout North Yorkshire for people as appropriate.

Each of the localities currently have a lead worker to focus on and further develop end of life care with operational staff. We are in the early stages of mapping services to ensure a consistent approach with transparent pathways to ensure qualitative end of life care to people in the setting of their choice.