

Complaints or concerns

Palcall aims to provide a service that is sensitive to the needs of individual patients, their families and carers. If problems do occur we try to resolve them when they arise. If this is not possible and you wish to make a complaint, please let us know as soon as possible. This will help us to establish what happened more easily. Complaints can be directed to Palcall staff who will pass them to the manager responsible.

Alternatively, you can write to the Head of In Care Services at the address on this leaflet.

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PALCALL

TELEPHONE HELPLINE

Phone **01723 354506**

(standard rate tariff)

THE PALCALL LINE IS OPEN WHENEVER GP
SURGERIES ARE CLOSED

What is Palcall?

Palcall is a palliative care, out of hours, telephone helpline for patients and carers. It is a nurse led service offering advice and information outside of normal surgery hours. This direct line is not available via the usual hospice telephone number.

What callers can expect

The Palcall telephone helpline gives direct access to a nurse with experience in specialist palliative care. This nurse can give advice and support within their level of competence. If the patient needs attention, we will contact the on call NHS doctor or district nurse to visit.

The patient's own GP, will be sent information about the call electronically or, in writing, the next working day.

Palcall can give **telephone advice only** we are not able to visit provide domiciliary visits out of hours. If a face to face home visit is thought to be required you should instead call the Out of Hours doctors.

What happens when you call?

If the patient is already known to us we will access their records to enable us give you the best advice we can and record the outcome of the call. If the patient is not known to us we will register the patient at the time of the call.

Who can call?

Patients, carers, Doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals can ring Palcall for advice.

Confidentiality

Advice given at the time of the call will be added to the patients clinical record. Patient information may be used for audit purposes, to monitor and improve standards. These audits will not include personal information such as name and address.

When to use the Palcall Service

Do not hesitate to use the line if you feel you need to speak to someone outside of GP opening hours, that is why it is there!

If it is not out of hours you must ring your GP or District Nurse.

The Palcall line is open
whenever
GP surgeries are closed
including Weekends and
Bank Holidays.