

MOTION ON NOTICE



Date of Council Meeting: 17 March 2025

Title of Motion: End of Life Care

We bring this motion to council today to raise awareness of the need to improve palliative care and the journey to End of Life care in Plymouth.

Over recent years we have from personal experience of the End of Life services provided in our community and we fully appreciate that for some residents who are unable to speak up for themselves and their families additional help is needed by the Health and Social Care system in Plymouth.

We would therefore like the council to take positive steps to review and to work with our Partners to address these issues. It is essential for all concerned that palliative to End of Life services are highlighted and appropriate services provided for our Plymouth residents.

Council resolves:

1. To request the Health and Adult Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Panel to continue the good work in reviewing Palliative care and End of Life Care in the City.

Requests the Cabinet Member for Adult Health and Social Care -

2. Encourages Health and Social Care Providers to produce a strategy for Palliative Care and End of Life, which will inform residents and help prepare them to influence the care of themselves and their loved ones in line with their wishes.
3. Promotes education in palliative and end of life care for everyone and to help with providing consistency across the City.
4. Lobbies our three local MPs to seek further funding to ensure fair funding across all of Plymouth and the country.
5. Lobbies Government and NHS Devon:
 - To support hospice care by increasing funding and increase bed capacity back to what the Plymouth's St Luke's Hospice has capacity for which is 20 beds.
 - To relieve pressure from the increase in National Insurance contributions to Hospice Care

Proposer: Cllr Terri Beer

Seconder: Cllr Sally Nicholson