

End of Life Care Scrutiny – Feb 24. Recommendations

The Committee Recommends that:

1. NHS Devon and partners return to a future scrutiny session to bring an update on performance against the End of Life Care improvement Plan. This is to include delivery of the Palliative Care framework, findings of the Estover Pilot Project, and additional information on the below recommendations.
2. NHS Devon and Partners take into account, and record peoples preferences for place of death. Collect figures in the hospital and report back into future scrutiny (as per rec 1).
3. NHS Devon and partners return at a future time to report on falls prevention measures being undertaken and related performance.
4. NHS Devon and partners work to reduce the delay in testing and diagnosis to enable maximum choice for patients spend their remaining time in the way/location that they wish;
5. NHS Devon adopt processes to include patients' relatives in the planning and administration of care for their loved ones (where applicable, and consent given). This includes consultation in the development of a TEP. – Proactively suggest to patients- “what about your family?” and “would you like to consult with a family member?” etc.
6. The Council, in partnership with City organisations and individuals, seek to promote and recognise St. Luke’s communication of “Care in the community” and “the hospice coming to you”, rather than the misconception of patients having to be admitted to a hospice.
7. The Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development and Communities (Cllr Penberthy), ensures that the Housing Needs Assessment considers housing standards, and their appropriateness, for individuals with a variety of medical needs (Accessibility and quality). – Have some houses specially built/ adapted for those with additional medical needs.