

: NEW NHS SERVICE:

## DEMENTIA PALLIATIVE CARE TEAM



**What for:** Support for **people with advanced dementia and palliative care needs** (and their carers) across Derbyshire.

**What can they do:** offer consultancy and advice, assessment and care planning for people with advanced dementia, palliative and/or end of life care needs

- Identify and manage symptoms associated with advanced dementia and end of life, i.e. pain, terminal agitation, nausea and vomiting, secretions, breathlessness.
- Palliative care needs holistic assessment
- End of life care planning
- Advance Care Planning
- Support and management of co-morbid conditions
- Delirium
- COVID-19 pandemic guidelines support i.e. where managing the demands of guidelines is compromised by individual residents needs
- Behaviour that challenges
- Maintaining activities during COVID 19
- Polypharmacy and medication rationalisation (*where appropriate*)
- Offer education and signpost to further educational resources

**How they will provide it:**

- Phone triage & immediate signposting
- Phone or digital assessment, care planning, care evaluation and review
- Face to face assessments/visits can be arranged when triaged as required.

**Who can refer :**

- Self-referral including family and carers
- Community teams – mental health teams, district nursing, dementia rapid response, reablement teams, social care, ANPs
- GP/primary care
- Care home (residential, nursing or specialist dementia care)
- Hospital ward/discharge teams/A&E for home follow up – in these cases the resource would aim to link with the place of discharge (care home) to support robust approach to securing successful discharge

*How to contact the team or make a referral*

**Telephone 01332 980124**

*When 9am-5pm Monday to Friday*

*The resource is designed to provide extra support during the pandemic.*