

Useful Contact numbers

Ward Contact No:

GP:

GP out of hours service:

District Nurse:

District Nurse evening and night service and weekends:

Community Macmillan Nurse:

Please contact the above numbers if you have any concerns.

For further details please see the first page of the District Nursing Record.

This will be completed by the District Nurse on their first visit.

Enhanced Rapid Discharge Home

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The Enhanced Rapid Discharge from hospital to home is designed to support the wishes of patients in their last hours or days of life when their preferred place of care is home.

Patients going home from hospital:

- The patient will be taken home by ambulance. A family member or friend can travel in the ambulance, or meets the ambulance at the patient's home
- A 'do not attempt resuscitation' form, signed by a senior doctor, will go with the patient for the journey and please keep in a safe place at home.

- A decision has been made that in the event that the patient should die during the journey home, he or she will not be resuscitated.
- Discussions should take place whether in that situation the patient continues home or returns to hospital.
- The patient will be discharged with 'just in case medications' should they be required to control symptoms, which the District Nurse (DN) can administer. Also if required the patient will be discharged with a syringe driver if they require regular medications to control symptoms. Usually at this stage regular oral medications may be stopped.

- The patient's GP, out of hours GP service and DN will be informed of the discharge. DN will aim to visit as soon as possible, as they are the primary team involved in the care at home.
- The Community Macmillan Team will be informed of the discharge and requested to contact you if appropriate.
- The aim of this discharge is for the patient to be cared for in their preferred place of care and to be comfortable and peaceful in the final stages of their life.
- Due to the rapid nature of this discharge, in most circumstances a package of care will not be available on discharge.