

Palliative Care Heart Failure Project Rebecca Chapanga

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Introducing Myself

CNS Palliative Care

Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice

Community experience and Cardiac Interest

Opportunity to develop new skills and knowledge

Heart Failure Project

- Funded by St James's Place Foundation
- Managed through Hospice UK
- Commenced June 2018
- Modern Matron Alison McCarthy
- The success of the first project (dementia project) has meant hospice keen and confident this can be explored in other areas such as this project now.
- Completes June 2019
- Project in the 2nd phase

Aims of Project

Facilitate improvements

Strengthen Partnerships

Develop confidence

Carer support

Facilitate Improvements and Strengthening Partnerships

Point of contact

Case finding at Heart Failure Community MDT

Liaison with local secondary care and HPCT

Liaison with local GPs

Develop Confidence

My knowledge and skills

 Oxleas Heart Failure Team and Community Nurses

Internally within the Hospice

Carer Support

- 1 Five week support group
 - Structured discussions
 - Peer support
 - Emotional needs

2nd support group planned

Wider Access to Services

- In Patient Unit
- Respite
- Compassionate neighbours
- Day Hospice
- Counselling
- Community Café
- 24 hour advice line

Results So Far!

- 60 referrals received in the last 6 months.
- 25 compared to year June 2017 June 2018
- 22 deaths
- 14 deaths achieved PPD
- 8 deaths did not achieve PPD
- 30 active patients 8 discharges or Out of Area

Feedback

I would like to thank the palliative care team and the the heart failure nurses for the support and care given to my husband in his last months and days of his life

We would like to thank the heart failure hospice palliative care nurses for the care given to our father. If not for your expertise would have had John die in hospital which he always worried about as he wanted to be home for end of life care.

Project is ongoing at present

Any Questions