



Bank Hospice Doctor Barnsley Hospice Inpatient Unit

Participation in weekend rota (non-resident), and opportunities for ad hoc weekday sessional work and cover on bank holidays.

Weekend working comprises 2 days and 3 nights working from 5pm on Friday evening to 9am on Monday morning. Some weekend doctors work split weekends and this is arranged subject to discussion with individual doctors.

Weekend days and bank holidays require up to 8 hours on-site during the day time each day and then off-site first on-call, ending at 9am the following morning. A first on-call doctor may need to return to the hospice during the evening or overnight when a patient needs face to face review. The post-holder will review hospice inpatients and will be available to give palliative care phone advice to other professionals in Barnsley community and hospital, as well as palliative care patients and families via the Pallcall advice line. A consultant will be available for phone advice and support at all times.

The post reports to the Hospice Consultants.

A full weekend is paid 7 sessions. 1 weekend day and night, or 1 bank holiday day and night are paid 3 sessions.

The sessional rates are set with reference to the NHS Specialty doctor pay scale and for bank hospice doctors varies between £101.02 - £129.74 per session. The starting rate will be set dependent on previous experience.

Introduction

Barnsley Metropolitan District is home to around 250,000 people with many former mining communities. The Specialist Palliative Care Service across the district has grown in the last ten years.

Barnsley Hospice

The Hospice has ten in-patient beds and a Therapy and Support Unit (out patients and day hospice). In 2023/24 there were around 170 admissions to the IPU. Other services provided are Counselling and Bereavement Support, Complementary Therapy and Carer Support.

The Hospice currently employs two consultants and four substantive specialty doctors in Palliative Medicine, who staff the Hospice IPU and provide district wide support, working closely with GPs, community nurses, doctors and other consultants in primary, community and acute care settings. The medical team also includes a GP specialty trainee doctor and an F1 doctor, and a number of bank hospice doctors who work on the weekend rota and cover ad hoc week days.

South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SWYFT)

SWYFT provides a community specialist palliative care team consisting of Clinical Nurse Specialists, Specialist Dietician, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist and Social Worker. The service is delivered to patients in their own homes, including care home and nursing homes. This is a seven-day service 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Barnsley's End of Life Care Team is employed by SWYFT and work across the district to develop the workforce and systems to improve the quality of generalist palliative care.

The Hospice has an SLA with SWYFT to provide Responsible Officer services to the Hospice, reviewing medical appraisals and making recommendation to the GMC with regard to revalidation.

Barnsley Hospital NHS Trust

Barnsley Hospital is a 500-bed district general hospital built in the 1970s and provides a full range of services. The team comprises five Clinical Nurse Specialists, who are non-medical prescribers. The team receives four programmed activities of medical input per week. There are between six and seven hundred referrals to the team each year. The nurses provide a seven-day face to face service (9.00 am – 5.00 pm).

There is also an End-of-Life Care Team within the hospital who support patients approaching the end of life and facilitate Fast Track discharges to care homes and patients' own homes. The hospital also has two CNSs for Acute Oncology who work closely with the Specialist Palliative Care Team.

Out of hours medical provision

First on call for the Hospice and advice is provided by specialty doctors, bank hospice doctors, and the GP specialty trainee doctor. A second on call rota is provided by the consultants in collaboration with those in Rotherham and Doncaster. The post holder will participate in the first on call rota.

Duties and Responsibilities

Direct Clinical Care of Patients

- To provide clinical care and medical input to the multidisciplinary team for patients under the care of the Barnsley Hospice, under the supervision of the named consultant
- To see such patients in any Hospice setting ie in-patient, day centre or out-patient (need to review outpatients or day centre patients would be unusual and would only occur on cover for weekday work, not at weekends or bank holidays)
- To keep accurate records of such interactions using the electronic patient record.

Liaison between Teams

- To facilitate information transfer between specialist palliative care teams on transfer of patient care
- To liaise with other practitioners in the hospital and community to ensure the best outcomes for palliative care patients

Supporting professional activities

- To keep up to date and undergo regular appraisal
- To complete mandatory training requirements for hospice doctors
- To participate in systems to support patient safety in the hospice
- To take advantage of CPD opportunities to maintain and develop learning in specialist palliative care

This list is not exhaustive, and the responsibilities may be reviewed and adapted in discussion with the post holder. It is expected that the post holder will work flexibly alongside colleagues to ensure the highest quality of service to patients and those close to them.