

# IMPLEMENTING OUR CLINICAL STRATEGY



## Supporting people to die in their place of choice

Most people would prefer to spend their final days in familiar surroundings, close to the people who matter most to them. Our Care Around Dying pilot is testing a new model of care to provide additional support for people with palliative and end of life care needs who wish to remain at home.



## What is the service?

Delivered in partnership with end of life charity Marie Curie, the one-year Care around Dying pilot service provides additional support for people with palliative and end of life care needs in the community. The service:

- Supports people to remain at home
- Supports families and carers
- Works with district nursing teams
- Responds quickly when patient needs change
- Helps coordinate care across services

## What is our progress so far?

16

referrals to the service

15

patients supported

3

overnight care referrals

The pilot began in May 2026 and is now operational in the central cluster. The service is supporting people with both cancer and non-cancer palliative care needs.

## What are staff saying?

“ The service has been a valuable support in helping us deliver more person-centred care. Having access to additional support has enabled us to respond more effectively to patients’ individual needs, particularly those with complex palliative care requirements. ”

**District Nurse**

“ Knowing that the service is there and very responsive means that if a patient suddenly deteriorates, we can request their input to support both the patient and their family. ”

**District Nurse**

## What are families saying?

“ The new service has been fantastic, a real support and help for us and we are really thankful for the care the staff gave. ”



The Care Around Dying pilot is delivered in partnership with end of life charity Marie Curie and NHS Borders, with funding from NHS Borders Health Charity from donations made to support Palliative Care.

