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Date: 7th November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 13th October 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 1. What are the names of each hospital where there is an emergency department (ED)(A&E)in your trust?**

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary.

For each ED (A&E) in your trust could you answer the following:

- 2. Is there a Medical End of life (EOL)/Palliative Care Lead in the ED?**

No.

- 3. Is there a Nursing End of life (EOL)/Palliative Care Lead in the ED?**

No, but we do have link nurses.

- 4. Does the ED have access to palliative care advice/guidance/input? If so, what hours is this for? What type of service is this; is it an in person, phone advice, is it nursing or medical lead?**

Yes. The hospital Palliative Care Team provide in person 7/7 cover to ED between 8:30am and 4:30pm. This is nursing and medical led. Out of hours there is access to an advice line based at the local hospice.

- 5. Does your ED have specific resources for patients who are dying/ EOL in the ED? - What are these resources?**

The Palliative Care team have provided a box that contains any medical equipment needed by patients who are EoL in ED.

6. **Is there a specific space in your ED for patients who are dying to be looked after by the ED team?**
No.
7. **Is there a fast track option to a sideroom in the hospital for patients who are recognised as dying in the ED?**
No.
8. **Are you able to Fastrack dying patients home from the ED?**
We are able to provide a rapid discharge service for those patients in the last hours or days of life who wish to die at home. Fast track discharge refers more to the funding application to provide care, currently this is not provided from ED and necessitates admission to an inpatient ward as this is a process that requires a few days to complete.
9. **Does your ED prescribe anticipatory meds for the patient to go home with? If not, who does this?**
Yes, via the Palliative Care team.
10. **Does your department use RESPECT forms? If not, what do you use for your DNACPR options?**
Respect forms are not in use in the Wigan borough. We have DNACPR forms and EPaCC's as a way of recording resuscitation decisions and Advance Care Planning.
11. **Is your department able to access religious support 24 hours a day?**
Yes.
12. **What are you first line medications recommended for each of the following Agitation, Analgesia (Pain), Respiratory Secretions and Nausea and Vomiting**
Respectively - Midazolam, Morphine/Oxycodone/Alfentanil, Glycopyrronium bromide/Levomepromazine.
13. **Do you have a specific ED prescription with electronic or paper for these medications?**
We have an order set for inpatient use on HIS. For those going home with these medications from ED, we complete a hospital outpatient prescription which we have an agreement with pharmacy that it will be completed ASAP.
14. **Are you able to share any of your specific ED documentation or guidelines that you use for EOL care and the dying patient both nursing and medical?**
Please see the attached.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Joanne Bark
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