

Referring to Lincoln Inpatient Unit



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About us

St Barnabas Hospice is a local independent charity which supports more than 10,500 people across Lincolnshire each year. We deliver free, high-quality, compassionate end-of-life care and support to adults with a life-limiting or terminal illness, their family and carers.

Who can benefit?

Any patient with a palliative diagnosis can access the Unit for support. Generally, patients are within the last twelve months of life. Palliative patients with a complex symptom management need, irrespective of diagnosis (cancer or non-cancer), can be referred for admission.

What does the Inpatient Unit offer?

The Inpatient Unit is primarily used for patients with a complex symptom management need. This can include physical symptoms such as pain or nausea but also includes significant emotional or psychological distress. Referrals can be made to prevent crisis admission to the acute sector. There is also the option for palliative rehabilitation.

The Unit is consultant led and offers multi-disciplinary care. Patients will have access to nursing and medical staff along with Allied Health professionals, a social worker and spiritual support team.

The Unit is not long stay; the average length of admission is approximately two weeks. However, the duration of stay is determined by individual needs.

How to refer

Referrals can be made using the Inpatient Unit Referral form. This can be emailed via a secure NHS account or faxed through to the safe haven fax (details below). The form has been provided electronically to GP practices throughout Lincolnshire, LCHS Community Nursing teams and ULHT. It is also available for download from the End of Life Care website.

www.eolc.co.uk/educational/st-barnabas-hospice-lincoln-inpatient-unit-ipu-referral-form/

Email: necmid.sbh.ipureferrals@nhs.net
Fax: **01522 785 711**

All referrals are discussed at the twice daily triage meetings, **Monday to Friday, at 9am and 2pm**, after which, the referrer will be contacted. Currently, admissions take place **Monday to Friday** and should preferably be before **2.30pm** each day.



Support for professionals

Should advice be required regarding symptom management, irrespective of whether a referral will be made, it can be accessed by calling the Inpatient Unit on **01522 511 566**.

Although the medical team is not in attendance 24 hours a day, out-of-hours advice can still be gained by speaking with the specialist palliative care nurses who can contact an on-call physician on your behalf if required.

Advice from the medical and nursing teams is available to all health care professionals, irrespective of where they work.

For urgent referrals,
please telephone
the Unit on
01522 511 566

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In case of concerns or
complaints, please contact:

**The Chief Executive's Office
St Barnabas Hospice
36 Nettleham Road
Lincoln
LN2 1RE**

01522 511 566

Or, Lincolnshire Patient Advice and Liaison
Service (PALS) on **0845 602 4384**



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