

The PMP and Oakwood Surgery 2019 End of Life Care

The staff at the PMP and Oakwood Surgery are committed to offer high quality End of Life Care. We are striving to complete the Daffodil Standards. The Daffodil Standards have been designed by the RCGP and Marie Curie UK. They are a blend of quality statements, evidence-based tools, reflective learning exercises and quality improvement steps for patients with Advanced Serious Illnesses and End of Life Care.

Every patient who is identified as being potentially End of Life is allocated a named GP which is recorded on the "Palliative Care Register". These patients are discussed regularly at the Palliative Care Meeting. This is a MDT meeting attended by the doctors, nurses, District Nurses, Community Matrons, MacMillan Nurse and Care Co-ordinator. Communication between professionals occurs at the MDT meetings and any particular problems highlighted and discussed.

The MDT meetings are also a time when we discuss any complex/late Cancer Presentations in order to see if there any lessons that can be learnt. Similarly we carry out an "After Death Analysis" review to identify any problems that arose, reflect on these and learn going forwards. The shortened minutes are updated to the internet regularly for patient information.

The PMP and Oakwood Surgery are also involved in the National Cancer Diagnosis Audit (NCDA). This is a Nationwide audit run by Cancer Research UK. The NCDA looks at primary and secondary care data relating to patients diagnosed with cancer. It helps us to understand pathways to cancer diagnosis, what works well and where improvements could be made.

The audit looks specifically at clinical practice in order to understand:

1. interval length from patient presentation to diagnosis
2. use of investigations prior to referral
3. what the referral pathways for patients with cancer are and how they compare with those recorded by the cancer registry

The PMP and Oakwood Surgery have a Palliative Care Lead GP who is currently Dr Register.