

Referrals

Referrals for care may be made by the patient or family, the patient's GP, another health care provider or through the hospital.

For any questions or concerns
or to make a referral please call

07 859 1260 or **0800 HOSPICE**



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Rural Community Care

An introduction to the services
offered by Hospice Waikato
in rural areas.

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Hospice Community Care in rural areas

Hospice Waikato's Rural Community Care service is for people with specialist community palliative care needs who live outside of the Cambridge-Hamilton-Ngaruawahia area.

It provides specialised medical, nursing and family support, in collaboration with district nurses, general practitioners and other health providers.

Our Rural Community Nursing Service

Our Rural Community Care team includes a nurse practitioner, a clinical nurse specialist and a team of palliative care nurses, as well as a visiting palliative medicine doctor.

The team also works with district nurses, general practitioners and other health services to provide care and support for you and your family/whānau.

Rural Community Nursing Service hours

Our Community nurses work Monday to Friday 8am to 4.30pm. Outside of these hours your GP and district nurse are usually the best people to contact for care and advice, or in the case of an emergency call 111. If you are unable to contact your district nurse or GP, Hospice Waikato provides a telephone service offering advice and guidance. Please call our main telephone line for this service - 07 859 1260 or 0800 HOSPICE.

Our care in rural areas includes:

- Outpatient clinics and home visits for specialist palliative care assessment and advice.
- Home visits for emotional, social and spiritual care and support.
- Loan of equipment for use in your home.
- Liaison with district nurses, GPs and other health services to plan and co-ordinate your care.
- Bereavement support for family/whānau.

Our rural service does not provide in-home clinical patient care (such as medication administration, syringe driver pumps, wound care, etc). This type of care is provided by the Waikato District Health Board District Nursing Service.

Palliative care outpatient clinics are held at provincial hospitals on a regular basis and appointments can be discussed with your Rural Community Care nurse.