



**Maidstone and  
Tunbridge Wells**  
NHS Trust

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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to provision of specialist palliative care services.

*You asked:*

- 1. What specialist palliative care services are provided by the trust for the financial year 2021-22?*
- 2. How many of the following specialist palliative care professionals are employed/funded by the trust for the financial year 2021-22?*
  - a. Consultants in Palliative Medicine*
  - b. GPs with a specialism in palliative care*
  - c. Specialist Nurses employed as a clinical nurse specialist or a consultant nurse in palliative care*
  - d. Allied health professionals*
- 3. How many specialist palliative care beds are provided by the CCG for the financial year 2021-22 in the following settings?*
  - a. In hospitals*
  - b. In hospices*
  - c. In nursing homes*
  - d. In another facility*
- 4. During the financial year 2021-22, how many visits have been made by specialist palliative care professionals employed/funded by the trust to patients who died at home?*

Trust response:

1. We operate a Monday to Saturday visiting service 9am to 5pm, inclusive of bank Holidays. Out of hours verbal palliative care advice is provided by our local Hospices.

2.
  - a. 1wte
  - b. 0
  - c. 10 (however this number includes 2wte- funded for a specialist project for 2 years.
  - d. 0
3. None
4. We will only see patients in the acute Trust.