

Going home from hospital on The Rapid Discharge Pathway

(A guide for relatives and carers)

Macclesfield District General Hospital

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Introduction

The rapid discharge pathway (hospital to home) is designed to support the wishes of patients in their last days of life when their preferred place of care is home.

Patients going home from hospital

- The patient will be taken home by ambulance; If you are not travelling with the patient the ambulance service may ask that relatives meet them at the patient's discharge address.
- A decision has been made that in the event that the patient should die during the journey home, he or she will not be resuscitated. Ambulance crew will need to see the 'Do not attempt resuscitation' form, before commencing the journey home.
- Once the patient is home, please keep the Do not attempt resuscitation form in a safe place. If paramedics or nursing staff attend the address they will need to see this form.

*Please note If the patient dies on the way home from hospital they will be taken back to the hospital.

Patients going to hospital from home

- Following discharge, if an ambulance is called from home, paramedics will take the patient back to hospital, as this is their policy.

*Please note a preferred priorities of care (PPC) document can be used to communicate personal wishes regarding any aspect of care (including where the person would like to be care for when they die. This is kept with the patient at all times. Please note this is not a legal document. If you have any queries about any aspect of your care please contact your nurse.

The aim of the pathway is for the patient to be cared for in their preferred place of care and to be comfortable and peaceful in the final stages of their life. Should an emergency situation arise, please contact :

- a. Your GP or Out of Hours doctor
- b. Your district nurse or
- c. Your Macmillan nurse

Useful telephone numbers

(The nurse responsible for your discharge will ensure that the telephone numbers that you may require are listed below)

GP _____

GP Out of Hours Service

District Nurse (8.00 am – 5.00pm)

District Nurse Evening and Night Service
(5.00pm - 8.00am):

Macmillan Nurse

For further details please see the first pages of the District Nursing folder. This will be completed by the District Nurse on the first visit.

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