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Local adult hospice celebrates its carers

This week, Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice is celebrating the dedication and compassion shown by carers as part of Carer's Week 2010.

As part of the celebrations, the charity is hosting a special Share n Care group, including a meal and question and answer session with the Hospice's Medical Director, Dr Cate Seton-Jones. Share n Care was set up by the charity to offer support to carers in a warm, friendly and relaxed environment.

"The Hospice truly recognises that it is not just patients who are affected by terminal illnesses but also those who love and care for them," says Karen Sim-Davis, Patient Welfare Advisor at the Hospice. "Carer's Week is so important in getting this message across and is a good way of saying thank you for all of the hard work they do. Without carers we would struggle to deliver the exceptional level of care associated with the Hospice so we hope that the celebrations at the Hospice will go some way to showing our appreciation and understanding."

The Hospice has lots of groups aimed at helping both patients and their carers cope with the symptoms associated with terminal illnesses. Groups include Brush with Art, a creative arts group, and Inky Fingers, a creative writing group, enabling both patients and carers to explore and express themselves in creative ways under the guidance of experienced group leaders.

For more information about the services at the Hospice and for details on our new Hospice Care at Home appeal, to raise money for a team of specialists to enable us to care for more patients and families in their own homes, where they would prefer to be, please visit www.pth.org.uk/HCAH.

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Notes for Editors:

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice provides Specialist Palliative Care to adult patients and their families living with life limiting illnesses in West Surrey and North East Hampshire. We aim to give excellent specialist care and support and, through training, empower other healthcare professionals serving our community of 600,000 residents to do the same.

Every day we support over 100 patients and carers in their own homes, in the community and at the Hospice (on our In-Patient Unit, in Day Hospice, at out-patient appointments and through Patient and Family Services). We firmly believe in offering an integrated package of care that reflects both clinical requirement and patient choice.

The NHS covers less than 16% of the Hospice's costs. This means we have to fundraise 84p in every pound the Hospice needs to spend so we rely heavily on the support and generosity of our local community. All our services are free of charge to our patients and their families, but we need to fundraise over £10,000 a day to offer such an exceptional standard of clinical care and support.

Our vision is to be able to give local patients and their families both an excellent service and a choice about where they'd like to be cared for by the Hospice. We can only do this with the continued support of our community. Our Hospice Care at Home appeal has been launched to increase funding for our community-based team of specialists to care for more people in their own homes.

Please get in touch for more information on how you can support your local hospice. Please visit www.pth.org.uk/HCAH or call 01252 729446 for further information.