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Hospice Care at Home appeal... coming to your town!

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice is delighted to launch its Hospice Care at Home appeal today.

They know they must enable the current small Community Team to expand so that they can offer more of a choice for local people to receive specialist palliative care in their own homes.

One of the biggest current debates in health care is about patient choice. We know that not enough patients living with a terminal illness are being offered the chance to choose where they would prefer to receive their care. Most people would rather stay at home, where it feels comfortable, familiar and safe. The Hospice has plans to offer that choice – but they need their local community's support.

The Hospice Care at Home appeal is asking everyone to recognise this desperate need in their town and to help patients and families to receive hospice care in their own homes, if that's where they choose to be.

"At 25 I was diagnosed with two brain tumours," says Hospice Care at Home patient Lianne, 28. "When the doctors referred me to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, I thought it was the end. But what happened next felt like it saved my life. I realised that all these people wanted to help me live, not die! They have been caring for me at home, where I want to be."

Using unexpected legacy income and a grant from the Department of Health, the Hospice is now able to fund the building they need to house their expanded Hospice Care at Home team. But they still need to raise the money to increase the number of specialists in the team. Dr Cate Seton-Jones, Medical Director at Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, explains, "We have made a promise to expand our Hospice Care at Home service; to be in homes in your town when you need us. But with less than a sixth of our costs covered by the NHS, it's going to take extra and very reliable investment. That's where I would like to ask if you can help us."

The Hospice cares for people in Camberley, Frimley, Fleet, Farnborough, Aldershot, Farnham, Guildford, Godalming, Milford, Cranleigh, Hindhead, Haslemere and Bordon – and all the towns and villages in between. If you needed specialist care, they would be your

local hospice. Please think about how important the choice of being cared for at home would be to you and your family. It's likely that someone in your neighbourhood needs the Hospice to be able to care for them at home right now.

A monthly donation of just £3 a month can make such a difference. Please visit www.pth.org.uk/HCAH for more information on the Hospice Care at Home appeal and how you can help. You can also join the Hospice on Facebook and follow them on Twitter (PTHospice) for updates to the appeal. If you would like to visit the Hospice to meet their incredible teams, please contact the Fundraising Team on 01252 729446 or email fundraising@pth.org.uk.

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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.