

## St Leonard's Hospice

St Leonard's Hospice, which was founded in 1985, is a registered charity caring for people with life-threatening illness, which is often – though not always – cancer.

Our skilled and specially-trained medical and nursing staff offer

- ☀ In-patient care in a purpose-built, 20-bed unit
- ☀ Daycare to which people living in their own homes can come
- ☀ A [Hospice@Home](#) scheme for people in their own homes



The many members of the Hospice staff work together as a close and integrated team, sharing their skills and experience for the benefit of our patients.

Doctors and nurses work with a team of other professionals and are supported by an army of volunteers. Everyone contributes to the special nature of hospice care.

We never make any charge to patients or relatives. The Hospice is financially supported almost entirely by the generosity of the local community.

Central to our philosophy is the care of every patient as an individual. We believe they should be consulted about medical treatment and have their questions answered honestly; they should be treated with dignity and sensitivity; they should be cared for as a whole person, with compassion and understanding.

How are patients referred to St Leonard's Hospice?

Referral is made by the patient's own family doctor or hospital consultant. People who could benefit from hospice care can be invited to visit us to find out more about what St Leonard's has to offer them and to their families.

Our aim is to provide for the needs of patient, carers and families in a setting which is as homely and informal as possible and from which the patient will benefit with enhanced quality of life and greater physical and mental comfort.

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