

Looking ahead to 2026/27

The Myton Hospices – the only hospice provider of specialist palliative and end of life care in Coventry and Warwickshire

As we look ahead to 2026/27, we would like to thank our community for your continued support. Because of you, we have been able to sustain and strengthen our specialist palliative care services for people living with life-limiting illnesses, their families, and carers, across Coventry and Warwickshire.

In 2026/27, our priority will be to continue to deliver our core services, as outlined below, while also expanding our hospice bed provision, strengthening our community-based support, and ensuring we remain financially and operationally sustainable for the future.

Our Services

The Myton Hospices delivers **specialist palliative and end of life care, free of charge, to patients and their loved ones**. Our care is tailored to individual needs and delivered across a range of settings from our sites in Coventry, Rugby, and Warwick.

Specialist palliative care is delivered by the hospices' expert teams, including consultants in palliative medicine and nurses, supported by a multidisciplinary team working closely together to address the often complex needs of patients, families and carers.

Inpatient Units

Specialist medical and nursing care beds for complex symptom management, planned respite and end of life care, at our two hospices in Coventry and Warwick.

Patient & Carer Wellbeing Service

Expert supportive care delivered by a team of multidisciplinary professionals focusing on wellbeing to help patients manage symptoms, maintain independence and quality of life, while also supporting families and carers.

Hospice at Home Service

Expert care and support in the comfort of patients' own homes during the last weeks and days of life.

Adult, Children and Young Persons Counselling Service

Emotional, psychological, and practical support for patients, families, and carers from diagnosis through to bereavement.

Thank you for being part of The Myton Hospices community

Each year, we support over 2,000 patients and families, ensuring that dignity, comfort, and compassion remain at the heart of everything we do. As an independent charity, with less than 20% of our funding coming from the NHS, we must continue to strengthen our financial resilience as demand for our services grows.

The generosity and dedication of our supporters, volunteers, staff and partners makes our work possible, and we are truly grateful to have you alongside us.

We are pleased to share our strategic plan for the year ahead (overleaf). With your continued support, we are confident we can maintain our vital services and extend our reach to support even more people who need our care.

Our Vision

The Myton Hospices believe everyone in Coventry and Warwickshire should live well towards the end of their life and have the right to a good, natural death, the way they want it to be, where they want it to be and with their loved ones supported.

Our Mission

The Myton team provide high quality, specialist care to people whose condition no longer responds to curative treatment, from diagnosis to death. We aim to meet their physical, psychological, spiritual and social needs and ensure their families are supported both through and after this difficult time. We are also committed to training, supporting and encouraging other care providers to practice good palliative care.

Our Values

These values provide the foundations of the culture at The Myton Hospices:

Respect and dignity for all,

One Myton approach,

Value every individual and ourselves,

Professionalism in all we do.

To find out more about The Myton Hospices, the services we provide and how to support us please visit:
www.mytonhospice.org



Sarah Faulkner,
Chair



Ruth Freeman,
Chief Executive



Our strategic plan for 2026/27

In the year ahead, we will prioritise building a sustainable future for our services, extending our reach within the community, and continuing to provide outstanding care. Demand for our inpatient beds has increased by 11% in the last year alone and across the UK one third of people with palliative care needs do not receive the specialist support or pain relief they need¹.

We are experiencing this growing demand locally, reflecting the increasing need within our communities. As the only hospice provider of specialist palliative care in Coventry and Warwickshire – and the only one with inpatient units – we are acutely aware of the need for more beds. While we have 36 beds, we can currently only afford to keep 25 open.

This year it will cost over £15 million to provide our services free of charge to patients and their loved ones, and we must raise more than £12 million of this through fundraising, donations and community support.

We will continue to work closely with our local NHS partners to ensure commissioning alignment that delivers well-coordinated, accessible palliative and end of life care pathways, that meet the needs of diverse communities across Coventry and Warwickshire. Nationally, we remain committed to working with Hospice UK and its network of hospices to champion the importance of specialist hospice care and help shape a more sustainable long-term funding model.

Priority: Expand and Optimise Specialist Palliative Care Beds

Aim: Ensure patients have timely access to the right care in the right setting.

Objectives:

- Work towards opening three additional inpatient beds at Warwick Myton Hospice.
- Engage with external partners to scope and develop a virtual hospice bed model.
- Increase the number of referrals that proceed to admission.

Priority: Strengthen Community and Family Support Services

Aim: Deliver integrated support across the care journey, from diagnosis to end of life, and into bereavement.

Objectives:

- Develop a clear, integrated and visible service offer for referrers, patients, families and carers, supporting resilience, independence and wellbeing in the community.
- Enhance the Myton at Home Service in Leamington and Warwick.
- Collaborate closely with NHS Integrated Neighbourhood Teams.

Priority: Sustain Specialist Education and Influence

Aim: Leverage expertise to shape palliative care practice regionally and nationally.

Objectives:

- Utilise Myton's clinical expertise and accredited training programmes to educate healthcare professionals across the system.
- Promote Myton as a thought leader and innovator in specialist palliative and end of life care.
- Actively engage in national policy, research and care development forums to influence care standards.

Priority: Build Long-Term Organisational Resilience

Aim: Strengthen financial sustainability and operational stability.

Objectives:

- Leverage Myton's unique position, as the only hospice provider of specialist palliative care, in Coventry and Warwickshire to increase financial support.
- Increase income-generating activities that are repeatable, predictable, and aligned with the charity's purpose.
- Increase the number of skilled volunteers supporting our workforce.

1. Marie Curie (2026) Measuring unmet need for palliative care. Available at <https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/document/unmet-need-in-uk-report-2026>