

Marie Curie Support Services

What is Marie Curie Support Service?

The Marie Curie support service helps people who are approaching the end of their lives to remain at home if they wish to; Marie Curie support staff provide care at home and can spend several hours at a time in a person's home.

Benefits of early contact

It is best to request this support service early to ensure care can be provided. This is because the service arranges support staff weeks in advance and if support staff are not required the shift can be cancelled. The benefits of the service are that it can provide:

- Emotional support and listening to concerns
- Care whilst carers have a break
- Practical advice
- The night support service allows the main carer to get a good nights sleep, knowing their loved one is being looked after
- A link is established between the community nursing team and the service.

Risks of not making early contact

- If the service is not requested well in advance you may not get the service you feel you need
- You may feel more tired and isolated without additional support.

How to request Marie Curie Services

When planning your care, the Community Nurse may discuss the Marie Curie Service with you. They will discuss what visits would best suit you and the number of visits that would be needed.

- The support service can only be booked by community nurses
- Once booked further requests need to be booked on a two weekly basis.

Contact www.mariecurie.org.uk for more information on their service.

Originator: Community Nursing