End of Life Word bank



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This aim of this word bank is to explain the meaning of some of the important words we use when talking about supporting people at the end of their life.

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Symptoms

Symptoms are how your illness makes you feel. Things like feeling sick or feeling in pain



Treatment

Treatment is help you are given to make you feel better. This could be medicine or other help like a massage.



Palliative Care

This is care that helps people to feel comfortable when they have an illness that is not going to get better.



End of Life Care

This is support to help a person and their carers when they are dying.

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Counsellor

This is a person who listens and supports people who need to talk about their feelings.



Therapist

A therapist can help you with things like communication, swallowing, moving around and being independent.



Hospice

A Hospice is a place where people who are ill or dying go to for care and support.



Nursing Home

A nursing home is a home for people who need nurses to help to care for them.

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A Will

A will is a legal document people write to say what will happen to their money and things that belong to them after they die.



Bereavement

This is the feeling of sadness you may feel when someone you cared for has died.

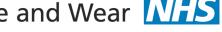
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