



The following information provides guidance on which people are likely to benefit from referral to the St Leonard's Hospice Carer Support Service.

This service is available to all informal carers of patients diagnosed with a life-limiting and incurable illness. You do not need to be deemed eligible or in receipt of fast-track funding.

The referral should be made for the person with the life-limiting illness, **rather than** the informal carer.

Referral criteria

- Adult aged 18 or over.
- Diagnosis of life-limiting condition (progressive incurable disease), and being cared for at home by an informal carer.
- Housebound and cannot be left alone safely.
- Have care and support needs.
- Person being referred is registered with a GP practice in the St Leonard's catchment area.

Unsuitable referrals

Examples of people who are **not** suitable for Carer Support Service:

- Children (under 18).
- The patient requires clinical care such as medication administration, support with oxygen requirements during visit.
- Attending day service or have other respite care in the home.
- There is a risk of violence, aggression or unsafe home environment for staff.

Where demand exceeds capacity, priority may be given to:

- Patients in last weeks of life.
- Carers experiencing significant carer strain.
- Household with limited support networks.
- Situations where the respite provided would prevent a breakdown of care at home, and avoid unplanned hospital admission.

GP practices in St Leonard's Hospice catchment area

Beech Tree Surgery

Dalton Terrace Surgery

Elvington Medical Practice

Escrick Surgery

Front Street Surgery

Haxby Group Practice

Helmsley Surgery

Jorvik Gillygate Surgery

Kirkbymoorside Surgery

Millfield Surgery

MyHealth

Old School Medical Practice

Pickering Medical Practice

Pocklington Group Practice

Posterngate Surgery

Priory Medical Group

Scott Road Medical Centre

Sherburn Group Practice

South Milford Surgery

Stillington Surgery

Tadcaster Medical Centre

Terrington Surgery

Tollerton Surgery

Unity Health

York Medical Group