

General practitioners' perceptions of compassionate communities: a qualitative study

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Interview topic guide

Introduction - Interviewer to introduce themselves and explain purpose of the interview.

Explain expected duration of interview is ≤ 30 minutes.

Background Information - Participant invited to give some information about themselves; where they work, how long they have been qualified, the demographic of their patient population, any specialist interests including research and teaching?

Current community palliative care

- Tell me about how palliative care is provided in a primary care setting?
- What different members of the multidisciplinary team are involved in providing palliative care in the community? What are their roles?

Benefits of the current system

- Are there certain situations where community palliative care is particularly successful?

Barriers in the current system

- Are there certain situations where community palliative care is less successful?
- What are the barriers to providing high quality palliative care in the community?

How these barriers might be overcome

- Do you have any suggestions for how services could change to improve your ability to provide good palliative care?

New approaches

- What is your understanding of compassionate communities?

If the participant is unaware of compassionate communities, the background and concept will be explained – trial in Frome and other areas of close integration of community services with primary care to support patients at high risk of unplanned admission.

- What are your thoughts about this concept?
- Do you think it might be an alternative way of addressing community palliative care?

Thank the participant and close.