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The Clinical Governance Committee commends excellent care

The Clinical Governance Committee of the Board of the Hospice recently commended the excellent standard of care reflected in the latest quarterly Care Services report. Two pieces of patient feedback that were highlighted in the submission offered powerful testimony to the compassion, professionalism, and consistency shown across the Hospice. These letters were noted as clear evidence of the positive impact the work of the Care Service team has on patients and families, often at the most vulnerable moments of their lives.

"Ladies, I am beyond grateful for the kindness, care and compassion shown to my Nanny during her stay at the Hospice. Every single person treated my Nanny with respect and dignity. Every single person who works there are absolute heroes."

My eternal gratitude"

"On behalf of our families, we would like to express our warmest thanks for the attentive care provided to our daughter.

We are extremely grateful to the doctors, nurses and other Hospice staff for their professionalism, dedication, warmth, support for every smile, every kind word and every gesture given to our daughter in the most difficult moments of her life"

Thank you."



Taking the Plunge for Hospice Care

The Hospice Dippers group was formed in April 2023 when it was recognised the powerful benefits of cold-water immersion for mental wellbeing, increased energy, and—most importantly—connection through shared experience.

In September 2024, the Hospice Dippers set themselves an ambitious challenge: to take a cold-water dip every day for an entire year, all in support of their Hospice. Through this remarkable commitment, the group successfully raised **£4,496**, helping to support the vital care and services provided by the Hospice



**every
moment**
Care Fund

321 Donors, Countless Lives Changed

Thanks to the generosity of 321 new regular givers, we've already raised **£7,692** through our *Every Moment Care Fund*.

Here's what that incredible support is doing in real lives:

Providing care when it matters most:

With 64 hours of nursing in our Inpatient Unit, you're ensuring patients receive hands-on, compassionate care when they need it most.

Helping someone find their voice again:

Your gifts could fund 310 hours of counselling, giving people the space to process, heal, and feel heard. That's a safe space for hundreds of conversations that matter.

Comforting grieving hearts:

Your support funds 271 hours of bereavement counselling, offering guidance, understanding, and hope to those coping with loss.

Easing pain and stress:

Imagine 20 six-week reflexology courses for patients, helping them relax, manage symptoms, and regain a sense of calm in challenging times.

Even better—this support is ongoing. Every month, these regular gifts continue to grow, enabling us to plan ahead, expand services, and reach even more patients and families. Because of your commitment, the impact doesn't stop—it multiplies. Together, you're more than donors—you're the lifeline that keeps care flowing, today and tomorrow. Thank you.

**To find out more about our Every Moment Care Fund, please
contact**

supportercare@evorahospice.org or call 028 3025 1333

Memory Tree



Our Memory Tree offers a meaningful way to honour a loved one. This hand-sculpted tree features 300 engraved leaves, each representing the name of someone who is no longer with us. It provides a special place to reflect and cherish the memories of those dear to you.

“ I placed a leaf on the Memory Tree after my mum passed away and I go now on her birthday to see the tree and take a few moments in that lovely space to sit and think about her” ”

To purchase a leaf on our tree, visit our website or contact Fundraising Dept.



LIVING WELL CAFÉ, NEWRY

The Living-Well Café is open to patients and those caring for patients with a palliative illness.



This Café takes place in **Evora Hospice Wellbeing Centre, Newry** commencing on Monday 23rd February 2026 from **2.30pm to 4pm**.

This will run on a bi-weekly basis.

The Café also provides an opportunity for patients and carers to learn more about the services and support which is available for them through Evora Hospice.

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER

Our volunteers give us the most precious gift anyone can offer—their time.

They support our Hospice with compassion, generosity, and a genuine desire to make a difference to the lives of others.



In 2026, the International Year of the Volunteer, we are proud to recognise and celebrate the vital role our volunteers play in everything we do. Their dedication and kindness help ensure that patients and families receive the care, comfort, and support they need when it matters most.

We are deeply grateful to each and every volunteer for their commitment and contribution. Their efforts truly make a meaningful difference to our Hospice and the community we serve.

*If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at Evora Hospice, please reach out to our Voluntary Services team on **028 30267711** or apply on our website at [evorahospice.org/volunteering](https://www.evorahospice.org/volunteering)*



Playr-Fit supporting Evora Hospice

As our Charity Partner for 2025–2027, we recently met with PLAYR-FIT, teamwear and sportswear specialists based just outside Newry, to reflect on their fundraising efforts to date and to hear about their ambitious plans for the year ahead.

Why did Playr-Fit choose to support Evora?

At PLAYR-FIT, we see fundraising as more than just raising money - it's about bringing our community together and making a meaningful, lasting difference to local families.

Over the past few years, we have proudly helped raise awareness for Evora Hospice by incorporating their logo across a range of our designs worn by customers throughout the community.

We selected Evora Hospice as our Charity Partner for 2025–2027 because they are a local charity delivering exceptional, compassionate care to those who need it most. Their work is close to home for many members of our team, which makes supporting them even more personal and important to us.

At PLAYR-FIT, we are always proud to give back and play our part in strengthening the local community.

What sort of fundraising activities are you planning for the year ahead?

We have another exciting year of fundraising ahead. Our flagship event, the annual Business 5s football competition, will take place across two weeks during Men's Health Week (Friday 6th & 12th June).

The tournament brings together 32 local businesses for friendly competition, team building, and valuable networking opportunities.

Each team receives a bespoke set of PLAYR-FIT jerseys designed in their company colours and featuring their logo. In addition, we will once again host our 11-a-side match against the Hospice Select Team and our annual Golf Day.

Both events were introduced last year and proved extremely popular, receiving fantastic support from the local business community. Last year, we raised over £12,500 for the Hospice, and this year we are determined to go even further

What has surprised you most since selecting Evora Hospice as your Charity Partner?

One of the most striking things we've learned is that it costs approximately £6 million each year to deliver the Hospice's essential services, with around £4 million needing to be raised through fundraising efforts alone. This really highlights just how vital community and business fundraising initiatives are.

The support from organisations like ours, alongside many others, plays a crucial role in ensuring the Hospice can continue providing its incredible care to local families when they need it most.

Legacy

Kindness that continues to care

When you leave a gift in your Will, it's more than a donation—it's kindness that continues long after you're gone. Every legacy, big or small, brings comfort, care, and hope to someone who needs it most.

You don't need to be wealthy.

You don't need to decide the amount today.

You don't need to change plans for your loved ones.

It's a quiet promise that speaks of compassion, humanity, and love.

If you'd like to speak confidentially about leaving a gift in your Will, our Supporter Care Team would be honoured to guide you—gently, and without pressure.

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Alan, one of our supporters, shared why he chose to leave a gift to Evora Hospice:



"We all look after each other—that's what life's about. Care, love, compassion.

I wanted my kindness to help people I'll never meet—families receiving care around the clock, people feeling lost or alone, an empty chair at home.

Knowing my kindness will touch someone else gives me peace of mind. I'll carry that with me until I'm called home."

Gift Aid

We're delighted to share some great news about Gift Aid. Thanks to the incredible support of our community, we've had a brilliant response, helping us unlock vital additional funding for Evora Hospices at no extra cost to our supporters. Gift Aid allows us to claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated, making an even bigger difference to the care we provide to patients and families.

It's not too late to Gift Aid your donation. If you are eligible and haven't yet signed up, you can still do so at any time. Simply "ticking the box" helps your generosity go even further and strengthen the care we can offer when it matters most.

For more information visit:

<https://evorahospice.org/get-involved/gift-aid/>



Bubbles on the Bay



Get ready for an unforgettable evening at Bubbles on the Bay!

Join the Hospice on Friday, 5th June 2026 at the beautiful Whistledown Hotel, in Warrenpoint for a night of elegance, delicious food, cocktails, and dancing.



We are delighted to have the support of local businesses, **Ashtree Financial** and the **Kingsbridge Foundation** as our event sponsors, along with **R. Kings** as our Golden Ticket Sponsor.

To purchase a ticket, visit the Evora website

Skydive for Hospice

Ready to take the plunge?

When: 30th May 2026

Where: Garvagh, Coleraine

How much: £99 deposit and £500 fundraising

Email james.mccaffrey@evorahospice.org or drop us a message to sign up and join the team!



Abseil for Hospice

Have you got what it takes?

Following the huge success of last year's abseil at Croke Park, we're delighted to bring it back for 2026.

In 2025, the event raised over £24,000 for Hospice care—an incredible achievement that shows what's possible when people come together for a great cause.

If you've ever thought about doing something a little different, this could be your moment. You don't need to be an adrenaline junkie—

just willing to step outside your comfort zone while supporting vital local Hospice services. We'd love to see lots of enthusiastic participants taking part again and helping us raise even more funds this year.



Quiz Night Fun



It was great to see so many friendly faces at a recent quiz fundraiser in support of Senior Fundraising Officer James McCaffrey who is running London Marathon 2026 in support of Evora Hospice.

Quiz proceeds will go towards helping Evora Hospice provide essential palliative care to patients.

Wedding Favours

We have a range of Wedding Favour options available on our Hospice Shop

To see our range, scan the QR code below or visit <https://shop.evorahospice.org/>



Run for the Hospice 2026

We have some availability for exciting running events this year:

Dublin Marathon (7 places)

Chicago Marathon (1 place)

Berlin Marathon (1 place)

Great North Run Half Marathon (1 place)



Contact us for more details by messaging our Facebook page, or call James on 028 302 67711

The Vhi Women's Mini Marathon is Back!

The largest all-women's event of its kind, the Vhi Women's Mini Marathon, returns in 2026, and Team Hospice will once again be on the streets of Dublin, celebrating our 22nd year of participation!

On Sunday, May 31st, 2026, we will join thousands of women to complete the iconic 10K, and we would love you to be part of it!

Last year, 39 incredible women joined team Hospice and helped raise over £18,000 for Hospice care! With your support, we're hoping to make 2026 even bigger and better.



The Bereavement Journey

South Tyrone Hospital
Thursday 16th April - Thursday 28th May 2026
7pm

You can refer for support by contacting our Community Team

☎ 028 3026 7711 ✉ communityservices@evorahospice.org

The Bereavement Journey
a place to talk

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South Tyrone Hospital, Dungannon

EVORA HOSPICE
Reading Round Project
by Royal Literary Fund (RLF)



Would you like to come to weekly meet-ups to listen to stories and poems read aloud?
Would you like to discuss what you've heard? If so, Reading Round is for you.
No pens, no paper, no prep.

Reading Round is like a book club but without the homework.



Dungannon Wellbeing Centre D Floor, South Tyrone Hospital Dungannon, Tyrone, BT71 4AU
from 11.30 am - 1.00 pm on
Mondays

13th April, 20th April, 27th April, 11th May, 18th May, 1st of June

☎ ANNA OR JENNY IN SOUTH TYRONE HUB 028 375 65395

Hospice Towpath Walk - 35th Anniversary

Our dedicated Walk Organiser and Hospice volunteer, Deborah Kennedy, is proudly celebrating the 35th anniversary of this much-loved event — an occasion that continues to inspire participants to challenge themselves while raising vital funds for our Hospice. As in previous years, the walk will begin promptly at 12.00 noon at Newry Cue Club (Basin Walk, Newry BT35 6HU). From there, participants will follow the Newry towpath to Steenson's Bridge and back, covering approximately six miles in total.



Refreshments will be provided at the halfway point, offering walkers an opportunity to rest before returning. Complimentary parking will also be available at the Basin Walk car park on the day of the event.

We warmly invite you to join us and help make this year's walk as successful as ever. Participants are kindly asked to commit to raising a minimum of £35 — representing £1 for each year the event has taken place. For registration details, please contact Alison in the Fundraising Office on 028 3026 7711.

