CRANSLEY HOSPICE

Serving the population of North Northamptonshire

**INVITATION FOR NEW TRUSTEES**

Cransley Hospice Trust is seeking to enhance its Board of Trustees to support its ambitious development agenda. Currently the Trust provides some 30% of the funding for the Hospice and the NHS provides 70%. Our increased funding has grown the Hospice at Home service enabling more patients to be cared for at home. The number of people needing specialist palliative care and end of life care is increasing, and the service needs to expand to include non-cancer patients. Can you help us to make this possible?

**About Cransley Hospice Trust:** The Trust is based in Kettering and serves the north of Northamptonshire. We work closely with our sister hospice trust - Cynthia Spencer - in Northampton which serves the south of the county, to co-ordinate aspects of service development and delivery at a countywide level. See our website [www.cransleyhospice.org.uk](http://www.cransleyhospice.org.uk)

There are two main elements to our activity:

* Fundraising to support the current portfolio of services provided by Cransley Hospice from its base in Kettering and the Hospice at Home and Lymphoedema services provided on a countywide basis. We currently raise over £1 million a year through our fundraising. This includes a small coffee shop and good quality charity shop.
* The provision of expertise in specialist palliative in-hospice and community care to inform the development of strategies and services by the NHS through the commissioning processes, and to set funding priorities for the Charity allied to outcome measures.

Cransley Hospice supports patients, families and carers by providing::

* 9 in-patient beds available 24 hours a day 365 days a year, with specialist nursing, therapy and medical teams on site, including a patient and family welfare liaison worker and chaplaincy support for patients and their family and carers. In-patient admissions are prioritised for the management of complex symptoms requiring the specialist input of the hospice team. The Hospice also seeks to provide care at the end of life which does not require specialist input where the patient’s first choice is to die in the Hospice..
* A team of Occupational and Physiotherapy therapistswho work with patients in the Hospice and in the Community
* A team of clinical nurse specialists based at the Hospice who provide symptom management and psychological support to patients living at home.
* Jointly with Cynthia Spencer Hospice, we support the Hospice at Home service which supports patients in the last few weeks in their home environment. This countywide service provides nursing care as well as respite for carers.
* Access to the countywide Lymphoedema Service based at Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

Based on our own monitoring data and best practice experience from other providers across the country we are aware of the need to increase the current provision of other services. Work currently being done in conjunction with the NHS and others relating to Specialist Palliative Care and End of Life Strategies clearly demonstrates the need for more in-patient beds, for increased care in the community available 24 hours a day, and for an expanded and ongoing educational programme. A further challenge is that the lease on the current Cransley Hospice ends in 2023 and the Trustees are working with the appropriate NHS bodies and other Hospice and Grant giving Charities to develop a robust strategy and plan to re-provision Cransley.

**What are we seeking:** We are looking to expand and strengthen our Board of Trustees with additional committed individuals. Although we would welcome people with significant and broad experience in one or more of the key areas listed below, we are interested in hearing from others who feel that they have other relevant experience in related fields.

* Legal issues including charity matters
* Property and Estates
* Health services- NHS and other models of provision
* Fundraising
* Human Resources
* Finance

Potential Trustees may find it useful to look at the guidance on Trustees from the Charity Commission
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3)

There will be an induction programme for new Trustees.

*NOTE; Currently the Trustees meet once a month at 4:00pm on Wednesdays but this is under review.*

**To apply:** send a CV with relevant experience and a covering letter to -
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**Closing Date:** to arrive by noon 31st May 2019