



Inspection Report on

Marie Curie - Hywel Dda University Health Board

**Marie Curie Cardiff & Vale Hospice
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About Marie Curie - Hywel Dda University Health Board

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| Type of care provided | Domiciliary Support Service |
| Registered Provider | Marie Curie |
| Registered places | 0 |
| Language of the service | English |
| Previous Care Inspectorate Wales inspection | 26/11/2019 Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Does this service promote Welsh language and culture? | The service provides an 'Active Offer' of the Welsh language. It anticipates, identifies and meets the Welsh language and cultural needs of people who use, or may use, the service. |

Summary

Marie Curie provides a domiciliary support service across Wales with its main base in Penarth. This inspection was carried out for the Hywel Dda footprint. There is a manager in place who is registered with Social Care Wales, the workforce regulator, in accordance with legal requirement. Rachel Jones is the responsible individual (RI) for the service.

People receive excellent care and support from a friendly staff team. The service is passionate about providing timely support to people who use the service. The type of palliative support includes planned services, delivery of a dementia service, fast track continuing healthcare (CHC), respite care, and providing care at very short notice in a crisis. Health representatives are responsible for assessing the needs of individuals, planning of care and assessing risk. Marie Curie staff provide high-quality person-centred care and support within this framework and is commissioned by six Health Boards in Wales.

Care staff and the management team are equipped with excellent levels of training, development opportunities and support. Management are visible and engaged in the day-to-day running of the service. Robust systems are in place to ensure high quality care and support are provided in accordance with people's wishes and preferences. Feedback from families, representatives' relatives and care staff about the effectiveness of the service describe it as *"Fantastic, there are no words to say how grateful I am"*.

Well-being

People receive support that is delivered in a dignified and respectful manner in which care staff have meaningful interactions and positive and caring attitudes towards people who use the service. Marie Curie domiciliary support service are community focused to enable people to be cared for and/or end of life care to be provided for people to remain at home if this is their wish and preferred choice.

People have a voice and can make choices about their day-to-day care. Staff value and respect the preferences of each individual. They keep day to day documentation up to date and record people's views and feedback. This serves to ensure care provided is person-centred and continues to meet people's needs and expectations. Care plans and documents are the responsibility of the district nurses. However, we saw the daily documentation completed by Marie Curie care staff which is well organised. We spoke with staff during the visit who told us they were guided by the information within the plans and had sufficient information to ensure care is provided appropriately. Care staff told us they had excellent relationships with the district nursing team and would contact them to discuss any changes to a person's condition or with any concerns or issues they may have.

People are safe and protected from abuse, harm and neglect. Staff are highly competent and motivated to undertake their roles and there is a robust recruitment process. Care staff are trained in safeguarding and have policies and procedures to guide them. Mandatory training and on-going training are available and on-going as required as well as staff support networks. Clinical observations are carried out on a regular basis and include ensuring staff evidence identification on entering a person's home, appropriate infection control practices and gaining consent for all care interventions. Staff told us they are extremely well supported by management at all times. The service makes safeguarding referrals when required and notifies CIW of any notifiable events in a timely manner.

People are at the heart of the service and measures are in place to provide excellent standards of practice. Whenever possible people are supported to have control over their day-to-day life. Whenever possible people follow their own routines each day with support and encouragement from the staff team. Relatives/representatives told us they are also extremely well supported and reassured on a daily basis by visiting care staff and are able to exercise their rights and maintain control over decisions affecting their relatives' care.

Care and Support

Care and support is provided to people in their own homes enabling them to be cared for and to die at home if this is their preferred choice. Due to the nature of service provision, we spoke mostly with people over the phone for feedback about the support received. We visited some people at home when appropriate to do so. People using the service, family, and representatives spoken with provided excellent feedback. Comments include, *“The service has been such a support to us, I wouldn’t have coped without the staff calling everyday”*. *“The staff always leave us with a smile even on the worst days we always manage to laugh, really amazing staff”*. One person told us they have been so much more relaxed due to the input of Marie Curie care staff and would never have coped without them.

Staff maintain accurate and up to date recordings, which reflect people’s current needs and the care provided by care staff. We did not review personal plans and risk assessments, as they are the remit and responsibility of the district nurses. However, we looked at and discussed the electronic documentation completed by care staff during each home visit. Staff told us any changes to a person’s needs, condition or any concerns are reported to the district nurses immediately and plans revised as required. Comments from staff include *“I really enjoy my role”*, *“every day is different and managers are really supportive”*. *“I have lots of training booked for the next few weeks which is really good”*.

Quality review documentation we viewed indicates that people are extremely happy with the service provided. Care is delivered by highly trained care staff who have appropriate training and experience. Care staff are passionate about the role they undertake and feel valued and respected. People confirmed that *“staff are very respectful and kind.”* Where people are unable to represent themselves, family members or advocates help people to access and review the service. Family members who receive a sitting/respice service explain how they can relax as they have trust in the care worker supporting their relative.

People receive continuity of care. Staff said that people will receive a telephone call to let them know if staff are going to be late or if there are any changes. People told us *“We are always kept informed of any changes,”* *“we have never had a late or missed visit since the care started,”* *“we know every staff member well already, I can’t praise them enough”*. The manager told us there is a lone working policy and if there are late or missed calls this would be ‘flagged’ up on the electronic system and followed up immediately.

Environment

This theme does not apply to domiciliary care agencies. We found that the agency's premises are suitable to hold staff meetings/training and there are appropriate arrangements in place to maintain the security of confidential information.

Leadership and Management

People using the service can be assured that there is robust and competent leadership and management of the service. We examined Marie Curie's statement of purpose document which outlines the service's philosophy of care. The document demonstrated that the service has a focus on promoting "choice, dignity and safety." Our review of the care documentation demonstrated that the service actively seeks to put these values into practice. Systems and processes help promote the smooth running of the service and carries out internal audits to monitor standards and practice. The RI and management team have outstanding knowledge of the service and support the operation on a daily basis. The RI is completing their duties providing a detailed Quality of Care report based on their findings. We viewed the last report dated April 22 -March 23 which was completed to a very high standard and the quality assurance arrangements in place demonstrates that the service is consistently delivering superb care to achieve people's personal wishes and outcomes. People's feedback has driven service improvements and we saw compliments received such as cards, letters and verbal comments which include *"So grateful for your support and would not have been able to do it without Marie Curie"*.

The service has access to the Wales interpretation and translation service, has easy read booklets available to help people understand information as well as British sign language videos. The service recognises the importance of involving people and consistently seeks their views. Innovative leadership governance and the positive culture it creates drive and improve outcomes.

People can be assured that staff are competent to undertake their roles and there is a robust recruitment process. We looked at a sample of staff personnel files and saw the necessary safety checks in place, ensuring staff's suitability to work with vulnerable adults. Staff receive formal one-to-one supervision every three months and regular clinical observations of their practice are carried out. Staff told us they can approach the management team with any issues or concerns at any time. Care staff said they were extremely happy working for Marie Curie. We were told there is an extremely low staff turnover with many staff working for the service for many years enabling continuity of care.

People receive safe and person-centred care. Visits to people's homes are carried out mostly by two members of staff. Staff told us they were grateful for this time 'working together' and felt it was essential time for support, reflection and discussion. We spoke with staff who told us they had received training in palliative care, end of life care and a range of mandatory training including dementia training, safeguarding of adults at risk of abuse and have policies and procedures to guide them. All new care staff complete a five-day induction prior to commencing the role and a range of classroom and online training continually available for all staff. The service delivers high quality outcomes for people with a support of professional input ensuring people are provided with exemplary care at all times. Comments from staff include *"I am really well supported, have plenty of time in between the visits carried out"*. *"We all look after each other really, we are a really good team"*.

The service makes safeguarding referrals when required and notifies Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) of any notifiable events in a timely manner.

Summary of Non-Compliance

| Status | What each means |
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| New | This non-compliance was identified at this inspection. |
| Reviewed | Compliance was reviewed at this inspection and was not achieved. The target date for compliance is in the future and will be tested at next inspection. |
| Not Achieved | Compliance was tested at this inspection and was not achieved. |
| Achieved | Compliance was tested at this inspection and was achieved. |

We respond to non-compliance with regulations where poor outcomes for people, and / or risk to people’s well-being are identified by issuing Priority Action Notice (s).

The provider must take immediate steps to address this and make improvements. Where providers fail to take priority action by the target date we may escalate the matter to an Improvement and Enforcement Panel.

Priority Action Notice(s)

| Regulation | Summary | Status |
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| N/A | No non-compliance of this type was identified at this inspection | N/A |

Where we find non-compliance with regulations but no immediate or significant risk for people using the service is identified we highlight these as Areas for Improvement.

We expect the provider to take action to rectify this and we will follow this up at the next inspection. Where the provider has failed to make the necessary improvements we will escalate the matter by issuing a Priority Action Notice.

Area(s) for Improvement

| Regulation | Summary | Status |
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| N/A | No non-compliance of this type was identified at this inspection | N/A |
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