

# Homelessness and end of life care

Everyone deserves a good death, to be treated with dignity at the end of their lives, and to be able to die peacefully according to how they choose. That's why our specialist Palliative Care service exists.

Homelessness and rough sleeping can have a severe impact on health; many of our clients suffer with chronic health conditions and may eventually require end of life care.

Experts in end of life care, and equipped with a deep understanding of the needs of people who have experienced homelessness, our Palliative Care team ensures that St Mungo's clients can access the quality, person centred care they deserve when facing a terminal diagnosis.



"It is so hard to get our clients the care they deserve, that when we are privileged enough to provide that care ourselves, we need to do it right."

**Karita, Palliative Care Coordinator**

"We like supporting specific projects where we can see a direct benefit. Homelessness is a complex issue and difficult to tackle, so identifying something like palliative care offers both the donor and beneficiary something positive."

**John Horseman Trust**

The team also works to improve best practice in end of life care for people who have experienced homelessness; skill sharing with other palliative care providers and providing training to our wider team.

**Last year**

**22**

people received bespoke end of life care and support.

**136**

external professionals received palliative care training or took part in skill sharing sessions.