Set in colourful East London, St Joseph’s Hospice has 40 inpatient beds (including 6 for respite) and supports over 200 community patients.

There are high levels of deprivation, and now newer wealth, in St Joseph’s core boroughs of Newham, City & Hackney and Tower Hamlets. Working with a highly diverse patient population is a culturally rich experience. St Joseph’s has a wide multi-disciplinary team to meet our complex patients’ needs; including occupational therapy, an advocacy (translating) service, a multi-faith chaplaincy team and regular visiting services from our dietitian, SALT, consultant anaesthetist and psychiatrist.

St Joseph’s Hospice has an ambitious and innovative approach to the delivery of excellent care.

Examples include:

- Award winning service development in respiratory, renal and neurological conditions
- Being the first hospice to undertake Schwartz rounds in the UK
- Leader in developing compassionate community palliative care schemes
- Our “First Contact Team” (3 Clinical Nurse Specialists with admin support, who triage new hospice referrals) pioneered a paperless, telephone-based referral system. This ensures St Joseph’s is responsive to the needs of patients and that all relevant information is available to the multi-disciplinary team at first assessment.

The hospice integrates into its local community to promote hospices as places where positive services are delivered. Regular patient support groups occur (e.g. teenage patients transitioning to adult services, London School of Fashion craft group). Other groups are open to the wider public (e.g. yoga class, choir).

The medical team currently comprises of 4 consultants in palliative medicine and 9 junior doctors. This team provides good peer support and stimulates ongoing learning.

The relationship between the senior management team and medical consultants is strong, focusing on service development to meet patient need.

Two new consultant colleagues are now sought. St Joseph’s wants to attract a high calibre of candidate and would be interested in hearing from applicants regarding their interests.

Work is available within the community, inpatient hospice and local hospital settings.

NHS contracts are offered and held by Homerton University Hospital. Relocation costs are also supported inline with Homerton HR policy.

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