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Hospice in the Weald serves an area of 400 sq miles of West Kent and East Sussex, with a population of nearly 300,000.

Whilst 85% of our patients with a life-limiting illness have cancer, we also care for patients with Motor Neurone Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, heart failure, kidney failure and other life threatening illnesses.

Figures shown are taken from 2007 (Date issued: Feb 2008)

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# Hospice facts 2010

A Health Information Centre together with a Patient Support (benefits) Service is available for patients and Healthcare Professionals.

A Lymphoedema Clinic has been established, providing services for the whole of West Kent and our patients from East Sussex. To date we have helped over 500 patients.

Our Outpatient Service enables patients from the community to have 'one to one' sessions at the Hospice with our Consultant and other Hospice specialists, such as the physiotherapist.

6 Remembrance Gatherings and non-religious gatherings are organised annually by the Hospice Chaplain and Bereavement Service.

Nearly 500 Healthcare professionals benefited from courses run by our Education Centre, which provides specialist training for nurses and other clinical professionals.

Around 950 volunteers support the Hospice, with 450 helping in our 15 charity shops. They save us around £1million each year and support all Hospice departments and activities.

We have a licence to hold wedding ceremonies for both in-patients and their immediate families.

We are an independent charity and are not affiliated to MacMillan, Marie Curie or any NHS Trust, although we work closely with and support other providers.

## *Funding*

- Our care is provided to patients **free of charge** based on need.
- We need approximately **£4million** each year to fund all our services.
- Statutory income is from the NHS (via the Primary Care Trust) and Kent Social Services.
- Our core statutory funding amounts to around **10%**, and in total we receive less than half the national average of approximately 30%.
- **£260,000** from trading expenditure is spent on running costs of rent, rates, utilities and waste disposal of unsaleable items.
- It costs around **£1,750** per week for the Hospice to provide a specialist In-Patient bed.
- **£3,000** meets all the costs associated with the average length of stay for an in-patient at the Hospice.
- **£7,500** will cover the cost of maintaining a specialist In-Patient bed for a month.
- It costs **£450** for **every hour** of every day to run all the Hospice services, but that is only £10 (plus gift aid) per year from all in our community.

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