When end of life care is delivered in crisis:

Unplanned hospital activity for people in their last year of life in England.

Research commissioned by Marie Curie and delivered by King's College London has shown the continued scale. In 2023:



769,545

ambulance conveyances to emergency departments



889,920

unplanned hospital admissions



1,089,365

emergency department visits



11.5 million

unplanned hospital bed days



1 in 5

Almost one in five ambulance conveyances to the ED are for people in the last year of life



1 in 3

Approximately one-third of unplanned bed days are for people in the last year of life indicating that care of the dying is a core activity for hospital.

We're calling on the government to ensure provison of palliative and end of life care is available before people reach crisis. Read our policy briefing to learn more about our reccomendations.