

Calvary Mater Newcastle is a public hospital and a major cancer care centre within Hunter New England Local Health District network

WHAT IS SOCIAL WORK?

Social Workers are university qualified professionals who can assist you, your family or carers, with emotional and practical support.

This includes concerns about:

- Family, home or work whilst an inpatient/outpatient of the hospital
- Feeling anxious, frightened or depressed about your illness
- Making difficult decisions
- Self-esteem or confidence
- The death of someone close to you
- Adjustment to hospital or treatment
- Being lonely or confused
- Planning for when you leave hospital or finish treatment
- Legal or money matters
- Advocacy

IF YOU REQUIRE INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PLEASE ASK TO SEE OUR SOCIAL WORKER:

- Specialised counselling services for inpatients, outpatients and families
- Elder abuse
- Trauma or domestic violence counselling
- Grief and loss
- Cancer support groups and services
- NDIS
- Rehabilitation services
- Dealing with government departments
- Referral to other community agencies
- Referrals for legal advice
- Funeral arrangements
- Transport

SOCIAL WORKERS

Also provide assistance with information about:

ACCOMMODATION

- Placement in aged care
- Crisis accommodation and linking with accommodation services
- Hospice information
- Onsite accommodation for rural/remote patients receiving treatment who live outside our area

FINANCIAL ISSUES

- Pensions and benefits
- Veterans' Affairs
- Isolated Patients' Travel and Accommodation Scheme

HELP AT HOME

- Community resources
- Aged Care services

SOCIAL WORKERS ARE PART OF THE HOSPITAL TEAM AND WORK IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Cardiology
- Emergency
- Haematology
- Intensive Care
- Medical
- Oncology
- Palliative Care
- Surgical

HOW TO CONTACT A SOCIAL WORKER:

P: (02) 4014 4804

F: (02) 4014 4803

Address:

Social Work Department
Awabakal Country
Calvary Mater Newcastle
Locked Bag 7
Hunter Region Mail Centre NSW 2310

If you are unable to contact a Social Worker yourself, then ask a staff member to phone for you.

Continuing the Mission of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary

In an abandoned stocking factory in Nottingham, England, Venerable Mary Potter and the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary began their mission of caring for the sick and dying. Inspired by the women who stood steadfastly with Jesus as he died upon the cross at Calvary, six courageous Sisters sailed into Sydney in 1885 where they immediately began to care for those in need. Thus began Calvary's enduring legacy of care in Australia. Today, we continue their mission in that same Spirit of Calvary in our hospitals, home and virtual care services, retirement living and residential aged care homes.



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