



## **Assisted Dying Statement from St Gemma's Hospice, 20 June 2025**

On 20 June 2025, the Assisted Dying Bill passed through the House of Commons, marking a significant moment in the national debate around end of life choices in the UK. This development raises important ethical, legal, and practical considerations for patients, families, and healthcare providers alike. At St Gemma's Hospice, we recognise the diversity of views across society and respect the right of individuals, (including those we care for, work alongside, and support), to form their own personal perspectives.

St Gemma's Hospice is guided by a long-standing heritage and charitable objects that shape the care we provide. These clearly set out the scope of our work and do not permit the provision of "assisted dying" as described in the bill. Nonetheless we shall continue to follow legislative developments with interest, particularly in relation to the role of hospices and the importance of ensuring consistent, inclusive access to end-of-life care.

We are also mindful that the debate has helped shine a much-needed light on the persistent inconsistencies in hospice funding across the country. As the legislation progresses, we hope this will prompt greater recognition and investment in services like ours, so that organisations such as St Gemma's can continue to provide expert, compassionate care for all who need it, now and into the future.

St Gemma's is committed to the highest standards of palliative and end of life care. Our focus is on relieving suffering, improving quality of life, and supporting patients and families with compassion, dignity and respect.

As conversations about death and dying evolve, we will continue to ensure that the care we provide remains rooted in people's needs and delivered with empathy, professionalism, and integrity.

