**Referrals to Ashgate Hospice Inpatient Unit (IPU)**

The IPU aims to offer care to support patients with acute and or complex needs, and is recognised as dying.

All referrals are assessed daily on the units’ capacity and patients need. Referrals should be considered if the patient:

Has active, progressive advanced disease, a limited prognosis and the focus of care is on quality of life

And

Is registered with a GP practice from North Derbyshire (High Peak & North Dales, North East Derbyshire & Chesterfield localities).

Is 18 years or over

(In certain circumstances referrals for admission from outside the catchment area may also be considered)

And

Patient consents for referral (where the patient has capacity to consent)

And

* A life limiting illness whose level of need is considered beyond the scope of the current caring team due to; Severe, distressing, and uncontrolled symptoms such as pain, nausea, vomiting, breathlessness, complex functional decline. Complex psychological distress such as overwhelming anxiety related to the patient’s disease.

Or

* Is recognised to be dying (last week/days) with an overall decline where their needs cannot be managed at home, including optimising their care package, and Ashgate Hospice is their preferred place of death.

Or

* Is recognised to be dying (last week/days) in hospital and is well enough to transfer for exemplary end of life care, and Ashgate Hospice is their preferred place of death.