Compassionate Communities
Wolverhampton & South Staffordshire

“Compassionate communities recognise that care for one another at times of crisis and loss is not simply a task solely for health and social services but is everyone’s responsibility”

Compassion
Practical Support
Companionship
Inclusion

“I can make the last stage of my life as good as possible because everyone works together confidently, honestly and consistently to help me and the people who are important to me”

For more information
If you would like more information about how to get involved or if you would like to set up your own Compassionate Community, please contact us:

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What are Compassionate Communities?

The aim of Compassionate Communities is to encourage communities to support people who are affected by dying, death and bereavement. A community could be family, neighbours, local organisations, businesses, faith groups or a group of people living in a particular area.

A community that cares and supports people through small acts of compassion can help to reduce isolation and enable people to remain connected to their community.

Supporting community groups and organisations in developing their own Compassionate Community will help improve the way people can access information and support for those who are affected by dying, death and bereavement.

Ways to get involved

- Become a Compassionate Community volunteer for a local organisation
- Befriending people in their community who are affected by dying, death and bereavement
- Become a community ambassador to raise awareness

Organisations

- Support and develop community initiatives to encourage discussions around living and dying well
- Providing advice and guidance and signposting to local services
- Develop a befriending service to provide practical support to people affected by dying, death and bereavement
- Receive training for staff and volunteers to help support people affected

Building blocks for Communities

- Supporting communities to provide practical help and compassion
- Public awareness of the help that is available in communities
- Practical support through information and training for families, neighbours and organisations
- Recruit, train and value volunteers to help support people in their communities

“People are ready, willing and confident to have conversations about living and dying well to support each other in emotional and practical ways”