

Wind River Hospice House

Referral process for health professionals

SECTION A: Documents required for admission

To refer someone to Wind River Hospice House, complete the following forms in full and submit via email or fax:

- Continuing Care Facility Referral form (YG5794); and
- Hospice Referral form (YG6898).

These documents must be submitted prior to moving to the next step. This helps the Hospice Admission Team ensure the applicant meets the admission criteria.

Before the applicant is accepted to Wind River Hospice House, the following forms must be complete:

- The Communicable Disease Screening for Wind River Hospice House Admissions form (YG7230);
- The Anaphylaxis Standing Orders form (YG6988); and
- All physician orders submitted (This must include a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order).

SECTION B: Wind River Hospice House referral checklist

Discuss the following information in collaboration with the health care team to ensure the applicant, their family and all parties involved have a clear understanding and acceptance.

Wind River Hospice House is primarily for:

- Adults with a clearly life-limiting illness in its advanced stages.
- Adults with a palliative diagnosis and prognosis of 3 months or less. (Persons with a longer prognosis may be admitted on a case-by-case basis.)
- Respite care of 2 to 4 weeks with the goal of care to return home. (Persons may have a prognosis of longer than 3 months. If the client's condition deteriorates and meet the criteria, permanent admission can be considered.)

The applicant and their family are fully informed about the Wind River Hospice House philosophy, and accept and understand all of the following:

- Admission to Wind River Hospice House is primarily for the purpose of end-of-life care.
- Medical interventions in Wind River Hospice House are aimed at comfort care and symptom relief.
- Hospice care accepts death as inevitable, respects a resident's right to die with grace and dignity and seeks to neither hasten nor prolong a resident's dying process.
- If a resident's condition stabilizes and the disease trajectory appears to potentially exceed the expected length of stay, the interdisciplinary Hospice team will reassess the need for an alternative level of care.
- The applicant's primary care provider is encouraged to continue to provide care and be available for updating the medical plan of care. There are palliative care physicians available to support the family physician, resident, family and team in their care.

The applicant and their family are aware of the following practical considerations:

- Residents may withdraw from Wind River Hospice House at any time.
- The cost to stay at Wind River Hospice House is \$40 per day.

For more information call the Wind River Hospice House RN supervisor at 867-667-9382.

Submit all completed forms to Wind River Hospice House by fax at 867-456-6744 or by email at windrivradmissions@yukon.ca.

For more information, visit www.yukon.ca/palliative-care.