



# No one should die alone

Butterfly Volunteers providing Compassionate Care at the end of life



## Who are Butterfly Volunteers?

**Butterfly Volunteers provide company and companionship to hospital patients in the last days and hours of their lives.**

The volunteers are drawn from the local community and they are from all backgrounds, genders and ages. Some may have supported their own loved ones at the end of their life, and they all have a compassionate and empathetic nature. Many, but by no means all, have experience working in the caring community.

All Butterfly Volunteers are trained to undertake this role and have specific knowledge of the hospital they are volunteering in.

### Be part of an amazing team...

*"Thank you for the time you spent with my Mum. I am so grateful she had someone when she died. It has made losing her just that little bit easier"* **Patients daughter**

*"Butterfly Volunteers are angels - just a wonderful idea, and so much needed"* **Ward Sister**

*I really enjoy my role as a Butterfly Volunteer, I saw the need when my Dad died in hospital a few years ago and I am so grateful for the opportunity to support patients and families at this difficult time"* **Butterfly Volunteers**



**If you would like more information, please contact:**

**John Gilligan, Butterfly Coordinator**

**James Paget University Hospital**

**01493 453546**

**Ext. 3546**

**Email [john.gilligan@jpaget.nhs.uk](mailto:john.gilligan@jpaget.nhs.uk)**



[annerobsontrust.org.uk](http://annerobsontrust.org.uk)