



# **Identifying Patients Who Require Supportive and Palliative Care**

## **Neighbourhood Team Tool**

*'Predicting needs rather than exact prognostication'*

### **This may include patients with:**

- Advanced, progressive incurable conditions
- General frailty and co-existing conditions that indicate they could be expected to die within 12 months
- Existing conditions, where they are at risk of dying from a sudden acute crisis in their disease pathway
- Life threatening acute conditions caused by sudden catastrophic events

### **Triggers:**

- General indicators of deterioration identified, including decline in functionality and ability to self care
- Specific clinical indicators of disease deterioration identified, including decisions for no further curative treatment
- Diagnosis of two or more existing, progressive co-morbidities
- Repeated unplanned admissions or increased and/or unexpected contact with health or social care professionals
- Despite best medical interventions; you would not be surprised if the patient were to die in the next 6-12 months?

**Two or more triggers suggest the patient is palliative and indicate the requirement for a palliative care needs assessment**