Palliative Care Needs Assessment

Green	**Patient identified as having palliative care needs but currently stable** ● **Patient has a stable social situation** **Prompts** ● Initial assessment organised or completed ● Holistic review carried out monthly ● Patient is registered on end of life register ● Patient has an identified key worker ● Consider Advanced Care Planning (ACP) with supporting documentation (e.g Preferred Priorities of Care) ● Patient or significant other aware of out of hours advice and contact information
Amber	● **Patient's needs are changing or patient's condition slowly deteriorating** ● **Social situation has potential to breakdown** ● **Patient has just been discharged from an alternative care setting** *(within two weeks)* ● **Patient lives alone** **Prompts** ● Holistic review completed at least once a week ● Consider increasing level of care provision – consider fast track Continuing Care package. ● Consider financial reassessment ● Organise "Just in Case" pre-emptive medication and non-syringe driver instructions ● Review equipment needs ● Consider a medical review ● Carer assessed and needs met ● PPC or ACP revisited, DNA CPR status established. ● Patient or significant other aware of out of hours advice and contact information.
Red	● **Patient's condition is rapidly changing or deteriorating, complex symptom management** ● **There is a social crisis (carer breakdown)** ● **Patient is identified as being in the dying phase** **Prompts** ● Holistic review completed at least once a day ● Patient has been seen by a medic within two weeks ● Other services , including Out of Hours GP service are alerted of patient's status via the End of Life coordinator. ● "Just in Case" pre-emptive medication in place with up to date non-syringe driver instructions ● Appropriate equipment in place ● PPC/ACP revisited ● End of life care plan initiated if appropriate ● Carer assessed and needs met ● Patient or significant other aware of out of hours advice and contact information.