

Creative Therapy

Is available to both in and outpatients. Outpatients can access group or one-to-one sessions to engage with creative projects such as painting, memory box making, and clay work. Patients can revisit an old skill, learn a new one, or create gifts for loved ones.

We have volunteer artists who run workshops such as lino printing. Reading and music workshops are also offered.

These activities can can be a distraction from illness and worry and boost well-being by giving a sense of achievement and community.

Art Psychotherapy

Is available to outpatients on a one-to-one basis. Art Psychotherapy uses image making to process concerns in a safe, supportive and non-judgemental, therapeutic environment.

Art Psychotherapy aims to reduce stress, improve mental health and emotional and social well-being. It may bring about positive change by allowing expression of complex feelings and difficult emotions. It can be helpful for those who struggle to communicate verbally.

Art Psychotherapy support may enable:

- Meaningful conversations about dying.
- Processing of anxiety, anger, or feeling overwhelmed.
- Understanding and acceptance of diagnosis and death.
- Exploration of historical issues, such as abuse or trauma.
- Processing of family or relationship concerns.
- Confidence, assertiveness, and resilience.

Identity, physical changes and body image

Are common themes. The patient images (right) enabled processing of these concerns after palliative diagnosis (images reproduced with permission).



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