Pathway for referrals for DIRECT ADMISSION (i.e. from home) to community hospitals (St Michael's Hospital and Tippethill House Hospital)

## Suitable patients to be referred for direct admission from home:

- We would anticipate referral from GPs or community palliative care CNS team
- End of life care when SJH not wanted or not appropriate and patient (family if no capacity)
  are in agreement
- Accepted on case-by-case basis
- See exclusion criteria below
- Specifically not talked about therapies offered/not offered, as this will be on case by case basis

## Exclusion criteria:

- Patient remains for consideration of acute level care (i.e. SJH admission would be appropriate for diagnostics and/or intervention)
- Patient's only requirement is for social care (should be SW referral / crisis care)
- Complex symptoms that will require daily or multiple times a day medical input (i.e.
  palliation of symptoms will require prescriber to be on site, drug regime being changed daily
  etc) in which case hospice or SJH should be considered instead.

## Referral to community hospital from home

