

Social Workers are part of the hospital team and work in the following areas:

- Cardiology
- Emergency
- Haematology
- Intensive Care
- Medical
- Oncology
- Palliative Care
- Surgical
- Radiotherapy/Chemotherapy

Information is also available about:

- Short term accommodation at the Villas or McAuley Lodge for rural/remote outpatients/relatives
- Resources about cancer
- Grief and bereavement

How to contact a Social Worker:

P: (02) 4014 4804

F: (02) 4014 4803

Address:

Social Work Department  
Calvary Mater Newcastle  
Locked Bag 7  
Hunter Region Mail Centre  
NSW 2310

If you are unable to contact a Social Worker yourself, then ask a staff member to phone for you.

#### About Calvary

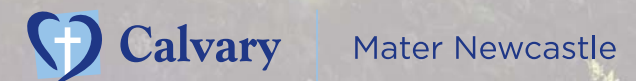
Founded by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, Calvary operate 15 Public and Private Hospitals, 15 Retirement and Aged Care Facilities and 22 Community Care Centres.



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# Social Work

Information for patients and relatives



Continuing the Mission of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary

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## What is Social Work?

Social Workers are university qualified professionals who can help you, your family or carers, if you are concerned about:

- Family, home or work whilst an inpatient/outpatient of the hospital
- Making difficult decisions
- Feeling anxious, frightened or depressed about your illness
- Self esteem or confidence
- The death of someone close to you
- Adjustment to hospital or treatment
- Legal or money matters
- Being lonely or confused
- Planning for when you leave hospital or finish treatment

## Social Workers

Also provide assistance with information and help to find solutions to:

### Accommodation

- Placement in aged care
- Hospice
- Respite care
- Onsite accommodation for rural/remote patients receiving treatment who live outside our area

### Financial Assistance

- Pensions and benefits
- Veterans' Affairs
- Isolated Patients' Travel and Accommodation Scheme

### Help at Home

- Community resources

If you require information or assistance with any of the following please ask to see our Social Worker:

- Referrals for legal advice
- Cancer support groups
- Rehabilitation services
- Funeral arrangements
- Dealing with government departments
- Referral to other community agencies
- Specialised counselling services for inpatients, outpatients and families
- Information/application for Centrelink payments
- Transport
- Trauma or domestic violence counselling
- The Wig Service
- 'Look Good Feel Better Program'