Hospice at Home (H@H) services provide patients with choice about where they receive their care at the end of life, which is central to UK policy. The number of people expressing a wish to die at home is increasing. At present health and social care services are ill equipped to meet this demand. There is wide variation across the country in H@H service provision. Services that have been evaluated often demonstrate positive benefits for patients. It is unclear what elements of these services deliver which outcomes and what role other primary care and community services play.

This project has produced a comprehensive map of the range and variation of H@H services in England.

### Results of survey data from hospice at home services in England

- **70 surveys completed**
- **22 H@H services opted out**
- **38 non-responders**

### Key Messages

- **H@H services**: did not fall into clear categories according to type, are very different across England, cover mixed populations across diverse areas, utilise a wide range of staff types, provide a wide range of care and provide these 24/7, can respond rapidly to patients, care for patients with a wide range of life expectancies (weekends to >12 months), only 25% of services receive NHS funding, only 4% are fully NHS funded, operate to fill gaps in other local healthcare services.

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**Optimum Hospice at Home Services for End of Life Care (OPEL H@H):**

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