

*Did you know?* Over **90%** of all St Luke's patients are cared for in their own homes or care homes.



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## Hello, my name is Natasha and I've been working in the St Luke's Community team for about one and a half years now.

In my role I help care for patients and support them and their families to make really important decisions about their care. Together, we make sure that we manage their symptoms as well as support their personal wishes throughout their illness.

The thing that I find most rewarding about being a St Luke's Community Nurse is getting to know patients and their families within their home setting. Our own homes are very personal to us and for most people it is where they want to be cared for, especially at the moment. Being able to care for someone whilst getting a true glimpse into their life, and seeing them as a person instead of just as a patient, is something I find really inspiring, each time I head out on a visit.

The pandemic has definitely brought new challenges for me and the team but we've been able to keep visiting patients throughout, which we've all felt really honoured to do. There are many times when a phone or video call just isn't enough to support someone with a terminal illness.

As a supporter of St Luke's, I want to thank you for everything you are doing to keep us going through such a difficult time. It's impossible to put into words the difference a visit can make to a patient but please know that the difference is huge. We couldn't continue without your support and are truly in this together, for Sheffield.

Thank you.

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