

Flower Guidelines

The Dorothy Ley Hospice is a *scent-free environment*. This is for several reasons. One reason is out of consideration for the health and safety of individuals, families, visitors, staff and volunteers who may have allergies. It is also out of consideration for individuals who, during their last weeks of life, may experience adverse reactions and/or exhibit enhanced sensitivity to smell.

As a result, we encourage families and other visitors to consider alternatives to flowers when wanting to bring a gift or expression of regard to someone at the Hospice. As an example, silk flowers are a beautiful alternative and they last much longer.

However, if flowers are particularly important for an individual in the residential program, please bring flowers that have very little scent and no pollen, such as:

Dahlias, Chrysanthemums, Gerbera, Callas, many Roses, Hydrangeas and Begonias

Please **DO NOT** bring Lillies, orchids or stock.

Please be aware that these are guidelines only. We may have to impose a “no flowers” policy when we have someone who is highly sensitive in the residential area or elsewhere in the building.