

Appendix 2 Interview schedule –patients
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Theme	General Question	Prompt items
Introduction	Introduce Research – Looking at how to make it easier to manage symptoms in advanced cancer patients	• Introduce self • Explain confidentiality, length of interview/group, nature of discussion • What we are going to cover (some background, then 2 card sort tasks with examples from your own experience) • Any questions • Obtain consent • Start recording • Participants invited to introduce themselves
Patient background	When did you become involved with palliative care?	• What difficulties were you experiencing at the time? • Can you give us some examples of what the palliative care staff have supported you with?
Card sort 1 How decisions are made	What are the most important things when you and your care team decide how to manage your symptoms?	Can you tell me a little more about how you and your care team make decisions about your care? • Is there something we have not covered here? • Can you give me an example of when you were particularly happy with the way a decision was made about your treatment or care? • Can you tell me about a time when you were less happy with how a decision was made about your treatment or care?
Card sort 2 What factors influence the success of approaches to manage symptoms, side-effects and other problems	What are the most important things to you when receiving support for your symptoms?	Can you tell me a little more about how these things affect you? • Is there something we have not covered here? • Can you give me an example of something that has really helped you? • Can you tell me about something that didn't work well for you?
Closing	Thank you for your participation	