

# Cycling for St Columba's – Celtic Challenge

These photos show 'the grand depart' of the Celtic Challenge.



33 cyclists set off from the Hospice for their 200 mile cycle to Iona. Held over five days from 10 – 14 May 2017, participants will face the test of cycling 200 miles from Edinburgh to the beautiful Isle of Iona in the Inner Hebrides. Each has raised a minimum of £1200 sponsorship to enable them to take part.



The route goes through some of the most beautiful landscapes in Scotland, passing from Edinburgh to Glasgow, Loch Lomond, Inveraray, Oban, the Isle of Mull and finally to the tiny Isle of Iona, where Saint Columba, the Hospice's namesake, settled and founded his monastery in AD 563.



St Columba's Hospice is a leading palliative care provider for patients across Edinburgh and the Lothians. The Hospice provides care to people in their own homes, in their communities and in the Hospice through our outpatients and inpatients units.



The Hospice was the first modern hospice in Scotland and opened in 1977. It costs around £8million a year to keep the Hospice running and 75% of the money comes from fundraising.

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