



Supporting people to live well before dying with peace and dignity in the place of their choice

News

Hospice UK responds to the NHS Long Term Plan. Read more [here](#).

Resources

[Parents who lose a child entitled to bereavement leave](#) : A new workplace right to paid leave for bereaved parents was officially enshrined in law on 13th September as the Parental Leave and Pay Bill achieves Royal Assent. The first law of its kind in the UK will support those affected by the tragedy of childhood mortality and is expected to come into force in 2020. The new Parental Bereavement Leave and Pay Act will give all employed parents a day-one right to 2 weeks' leave if they lose a child under the age of 18, or suffer a stillbirth from 24 weeks of pregnancy. Employed parents will also be able to claim pay for this period, subject to meeting eligibility criteria.

[National End of Life Care Intelligence Network:](#)

- Variation in place of death (hospital, home, care home, hospice or other places) by ethnic group for people who died with an underlying cause of death of cancer. England level only.
- Newly released data from ONS. Place of death data in England for July 2017/18 - June 2018/19 describing the percentage of deaths in hospital, home, care home, hospice or other places together with deaths in usual place of residence by CCGs, local authorities and strategic clinical networks.
- The first Atlas of variation in palliative and end of life care for England is part of a collection of themed Atlases on healthcare, and is available on the [PHE's Atlas of variation](#) website.

['Bounce Back Boy'](#): a thought provoking story about a young man called Josh and the care that he and his family received as he approached the end of his life at the age of 22. This true story shows how inadequate end of life support can have a devastating impact on individuals and those that love them.

The resources, including a film and handbook, share Josh's story to help others learn. They've been developed with Hospice UK and the Royal College of Nursing.

Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service aims to help protect groups that may be vulnerable to a fire or escaping a fire, including people with:

- Dementia
- Hard of Hearing
- those with Mental Health conditions

If you know of any individual that may meet this vulnerable person criteria please utilise the **attached**¹.

Vulnerable Persons Referral Form and send to fireservicedirect@merseyfire.gov.uk or call 0800 731 5958. Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service can, if appropriate, offer a not for profit, pre-arranged service to carry out a Home Fire Safety Check (HFSC) and provide smoke alarms to reduce the risk of having a fire and how to stay safe if one occurs. A Home Fire Safety Check includes fire safety advice and the importance of having working smoke alarms installed on each level of your home.

Additionally, 'The Herbert Protocol' is a system recognised nationally for people at risk due to dementia. It only takes a few minutes to complete the form. Full instruction is **attached**^{2,3}.

Seven [top tips and resources](#) that you can access freely to support workforce and learning development.

Retreats developed by *The Good Grief Project* are shown in a short film, [Grief Actually](#), of bereaved parents attending one of the weekend retreats to deal with their grief. The film has been nominated in The Charity Film Awards. *The Good Grief Project* is a charity formed by Jane Harris and Jimmy Edmonds.

Yorkshire and Humber Clinical Network, in collaboration with NHS England's Dementia Policy team and NHS Improvement, has developed the [Dementia Commissioning Knowhow](#) supporting commissioners of dementia services. The resource is intended to support CCGs and STPs endeavouring to improve dementia care services.



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Education

The QNI is working with the Personalised Care Group in NHS England to support Homeless Health Network members to become local champions for personalised care. Regional events are planned.

The events aim to:

- Build on awareness of the current national approach to personalised care and how this can be applied in practice;
- Share knowledge, experience and challenges in championing and delivering personalised care;
- Make a pledge and to spread awareness and adoption of Personalised Care in their area;
- Establish a virtual network of Personalised Care Champions in each region.

The events will be interactive and include practical workshops, covering a range of personalised care subjects including social prescribing, health coaching, patient activation and personal health budgets.

[East Sussex: Monday, 11th March 2019](#)

[Leeds: Tuesday, 30th April 2019](#)

Publications

[Compassion in Dying](#): a new research report on advance care planning in General Practice.

RCP publication explores the reasons that doctors and other healthcare professionals find it hard to talk to patients about dying: [Talking about dying: How to begin honest conversations about what lies ahead](#).

To support the new dementia training standards framework, a guide in collaboration with Health Education England has been produced. [‘Managing success in dementia care’](#) gives details of all the resources leaders and managers can use to deliver education and training activities to help meet the framework; includes an end of life section. Each section provides an overview of the subject area, explanations of the learning outcomes and signposts to relevant freely available resources or information to supplement existing training provision or combine with additional resources to create new training programmes.

NHS England’s recently published [Personalised Care Plan](#) sets out how people will be able to actively shape their own care and support. It consists of six evidence-based components: shared decision making, personalised care and support planning, enabling choice and including legal rights to choice, social prescribing and community-based support, supported self-management, personal health budgets and integrated personal budgets. The plan outlines the aim to improve choice at the end of life by improving identification of people who are likely to die within the next 12 months; having better, proactive conversations for people to identify their wishes and preferences; and integrated services which wrap around people, facilitated by improved sharing of key information.

Conference

The Association for Palliative Medicine of Great Britain and Ireland (APM) will be hosting the APM’s [Supportive and Palliative Care Conference](#) at the Harrogate Convention Centre 21st – 22nd March 2019.

Surveys/Consultations

The Ministry of Justice has issued a [consultation](#) to gather views on the forthcoming revision of the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) Code of Practice. Closing date to take part is 7th March.

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