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## Network News



Congratulations to an award-winning volunteer service at Aintree Hospital. The volunteer members sit with patients nearing the end of life to give family members a break or sit with those who do not have anyone else present. Winners of the NHS Parliamentary Volunteers of the Year Award 2019, they were the only winners from the North West region at the ceremony in Westminster, which was attended by MPs and senior figures from the NHS and voluntary sector, and were presented with their award by Helen Walker, Chief Executive of the charity Carers UK. Dr David Levy, NHS England and NHS Improvement North West Medical Director, said: "Congratulations to the End of Life Companions at Aintree, whose award for Volunteer of the Year is so well deserved. This service is invaluable to patients at the end of their lives, and the support offered to them and their families makes a huge difference."

## Resources

### Update to the End of life care profiles on Public Health England

Several indicators within the [End of life care profiles](#) have been updated. The Place of Death, Underlying Cause of Death and Mortality domains now include data for 2017 for England by Government Office Region, STP, CCG, County, Unitary Authority, District and SCN geographical areas. The "Care home use at end of life" domain has been renamed and is now called "Care Homes and Community".

The National End of Life Care Intelligence Network has also updated the [Instant Atlas tool](#) and metadata guide which supports our Atlas of variation for palliative and end of life care in England.

## Publications/Consultations

The National End of Life Intelligence Network has released a [new report](#), entitled Death in people aged 75 years and older in England in 2017. This report is the first in a new Death and End of Life Care bulletin series. In this new report, the total number of deaths amongst people aged 75 and older in England in 2017 is given, and differences are explored in the number of people who died by age, sex, marital status, cause and place of death, and differing deprivation levels.

The Academy of Fabulous Stuff – free practical [bereavement guide](#) for NHS Managers.

The National Audit of Dementia (care in general hospitals) has published its [fourth national report](#) based on data received from 195 acute general hospitals in England and Wales. NAD looks at the quality of care received by people with dementia in general hospitals. The audit was carried out by the College Centre for Quality Improvement (CCQI) and commissioned by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership on behalf of NHS England and the Welsh Government.

The report details improvements since the Round 3 audit report in 2017, including:

- 96% hospitals signed up to John's Campaign, advocating the right for people with dementia to be supported by family carers when in hospital
- Only 10% staff said that they had not received dementia training at the hospital, compared with 17% in Round 3
- 51% carers said that staff were well informed and understood the needs of people with dementia (up from 47%)
- 66% staff felt encouraged to accommodate individual needs of people with dementia (up from 61%)

Cancer Research UK – Your Involvement Network: Working with people affected by cancer to ensure our work is relevant and meets their needs. Offering opportunities for people who have been affected by cancer to help by sharing their experiences of diagnosis, treatment and care. Find out more about our network [here](#).



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### Education

Queenscourt/Edge Hill University Partnership will deliver:

1. HEA 4219 Transforming End of Life Trajectories module from September 2019
2. HEA 4197 Transforming Integrated Palliative & End of Life Care module from February 2020
3. Postgraduate Certificate in Integrated Palliative and End of Life Care from September 2019 & February 2020

These are specifically aimed at multi professional frontline clinical staff. Further information available from Edge Hill University website ([Faculty of Health & Social Care](#)) and [Queenscourt website \(Education\)](#) or email [education@queenscourt.org.uk](mailto:education@queenscourt.org.uk)

MDSC 160: ADVANCED PRACTICE IN PALLIATIVE CARE Palliative Medicine Training for Specialty Registrars and GP Registrars offered by Palliative Care Institute Liverpool. For more information visit the [website](#) or contact Jan Howard [jmhow@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:jmhow@liverpool.ac.uk) or Karen Ross [Karen.Ross2@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:Karen.Ross2@liverpool.ac.uk) **Flyer<sup>1</sup>**

Advanced Communication Skills Training at St Mary's Hospice, Ulverston on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> & Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Email [education@stmaryshospice.org.uk](mailto:education@stmaryshospice.org.uk) or call Trisha Atkinson 01229 580 305. **Flyer<sup>2</sup>**

### Conferences

The End of Life Partnership's annual [conference](#) will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Forest Hills Hotel, Frodsham – Exploring Complexity in End of Life Care. [Book here](#).

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in Glasgow - The [NCRI Cancer Conference](#) is the UK's largest forum showcasing the latest advances in cancer research. The Conference provides a platform for researchers, clinicians, people affected by cancer and industry representatives to come together to discuss, present and showcase high-quality research. Over 50 educational sessions spanning basic, translational and clinical science. The registration includes attendance fee, access to conference materials and presentation, entry to the Trade Exhibition, lunch, refreshments, and up to 18 CPD points.

End of Life Conference for all Health & Social care workers in the Burnley, Pendle & Rossendale area based on the Hospice Awareness Week. To be held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Burnley Football Club, Community Rooms, Turf Moor, Burnley, BB10 4BX. **Flyer<sup>3</sup>** Contact: Jeanette Telephone: 01282 440157  
Email: [carehome.education@pendleside.org.uk](mailto:carehome.education@pendleside.org.uk)

Joint Cumbrian Hospices Conference Breathe More Easily: How to Manage Breathlessness in Palliative Care on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019. For more information email [education@sjhospice.org.uk](mailto:education@sjhospice.org.uk) or visit [www.sjhospice.org.uk/conference/](http://www.sjhospice.org.uk/conference/) or call 01524 382538. **Flyer<sup>4</sup>**

INVITATION: SICK! FESTIVAL & MINDSCAPES - launch of SICK! Festival 2019 and Mindscapes on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019 between 6 pm - 8 pm. View [website and programme](#) for 2019. **Flyer<sup>5</sup>**

And finally, [The Good Grief Trust](#) are driving a new [#NationalGriefAwarenessWeek](#) from 2nd-8th December 2019.

The Good Grief Trust is Secretariat for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Bereavement Support. To join the campaign, email here: [hello@thegoodgrieftrust.org](mailto:hello@thegoodgrieftrust.org)

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