



The Loop

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News

Congratulations!

Firstly, to Willowbrook Hospice for achieving an **Outstanding rating** on their CQC report. More information can be found on the [CQC website](#).

Secondly, to Dr Averil Fountain, Consultant In Palliative Medicine at Halton Haven Hospice, on her retirement this week.

Supporting our People's Voice Members – [Dementia Together Wirral](#) is a support charity founded and run by Allan (People's Voice) and his team. The proceeds from this celebration event are in aid of Dementia Together Wirral.

The Mayor's Charity Appeal presents

St. Patrick's Day

C E L E B R A T I O N

Sunday, 15th March (6pm-10pm) at Wallasey Town Hall

Celtic Roots Music Academy presents Dina Cottier and The Rooters, with Lesley-Ann Wood and DC Roots band. Violinist Jo Pue Richards, musicians Anita Rochford and Shannon Taylor from Melody Makers with pipe, flute and tin whistle. Caller Rosie Wright for Ceilidh and songs led by Reeltime. Joined by John Walsh from Cream of the Barley.

Live Irish Music from Steve Needham with DJ Ian Grant.

Tickets only £12.50 and available from
the Mayor's office on **0151 691 8527**

Irish Stew 🍀 Dessert 🍀 Bar 🍀 Ceilidh 🍀 Raffles 🍀 Irish Bingo

Proceeds in aid of Dementia Together Wirral
and The Open Door Centre

Supported by Irish Community Care Merseyside

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Education and Conferences

Lung Cancer Day

23 April 2020: Daresbury Park Hotel, Daresbury, WA4 4BB

A unique study day facilitated by PAN Cheshire specialist staff giving an overview of lung cancer.

- Signs, symptoms, risk factors - Dr Chris Brocklesby, Respiratory Consultant, MCHFT and Dr Thapas Nagarajan, Respiratory Consultant, ECNHST
- Diagnostics - Prof John Gosney, Professor of Thoracic Pathology, Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen University Hospital NHS Trust
- Tobacco addiction - Stephanie McCurrie-Winkler, Kickstart Advisor
- Supportive and palliative care - Dr Kathryn Gaunt, Macmillan Consultant in Palliative Medicine, East Cheshire NHS Trust
- The role of the CNS – locality workshops - Macmillan Lung CNS: Sue Stubbs, MCHFT, Karen Clayton, ECNHST and Laura Hall, Countess of Chester Hospital
- Surgery - Mr. Julius Asante-Siaw, Consultant Thoracic Surgeon, Liverpool Heart and Chest NHS Foundation Trust
- Radiotherapy - to be confirmed
- Systemic anti-cancer therapy - to be confirmed

Book now at: <http://eolp.co.uk/courses/lung-cancer-day/>

Mesothelioma Day

14 May 2020: The Hall at Marthall, Knutsford, WA16 7SB

This day is specifically aimed at professionals who have contact with people affected by, or at risk of asbestos related disease.

- Asbestos awareness - Mr. Greg Byrne, Managing Director, R B Asbestos Consultants Limited
- Mesothelioma - diagnosing, brief overview - Dr Duncan Fullerton, Consultant in Respiratory Medicine, Mid Cheshire Hospitals Foundation Trust
- Treating Mesothelioma - Dr Paul Taylor, Consultant Medical Oncologist, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

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- Symptom Management - Dr Kathryn Gaunt, Consultant in Palliative Care, Macclesfield District General Hospital
 - Supporting the patient and carer - Mairead Dixon, Mesothelioma Nurse Specialist, Wythenshawe hospital
 - The Role of the Coroner - Alan Moore, H M Coroner for Cheshire, Warrington
 - Cheshire Asbestos Victims Support Group - Dr Les Hodgkinson, Chair, Cheshire Asbestos Victims Support Group

Book now: <http://eolp.co.uk/courses/new-mesothelioma-day/>

Bereavement Care Best Practice: one-day training hosted by Trinity Hospice. Lunch and refreshments are included. £10 per person. Trinity Hospice Low Moor Road, Blackpool FY2 0BG

- Monday 20th April, 09.30 – 16.00
- Wednesday 26th August, 09.30 – 16.00

To book your place please email trinity.education@nhs.net or call 01253 952610.

NSSCHG Spring Conference – North and South Sefton Care Home Group:

This is an event not to be missed as it will include a large team of CQC inspectors for the first CQC Compliance workshop. The CQC regional inspector Phil Bartley will be bring a number of inspectors to assist with a compliance workshop for care homes focusing on the major areas of non compliance across Sefton. 80 places available; maximum 2 places per care home.

[Wednesday, 25th March 9 -12.30 pm.](#)

Resources

QNI News - If you are in the mood for a tear jerker that will make you feel intensely proud to be a nurse this [9 min QNI video on community nursing](#), features Amanda Chakraborty from the Leeds homelessness team.

Also of note Queens Nurse Catherine Best's Nursing Times article ['Nurses can help tackle the rise of premature death among those who are homeless'](#)

A new report has been published in the Palliative and end of life care series. It is the third in the new Palliative and end of life care report series. This report looks at deaths in hospital for people aged 75 years and older in 2017. Differences by age, sex deprivation are explored. In addition, the length of admissions ending in hospital death is examined.

[Older people who died in hospital: England 2017](#)

Cruse Bereavement Care have several new support groups starting in Preston, Blackpool, Blackburn and Lytham. These are closed groups and require registration to be able to attend - Cruse Lancashire 01772 795596 or email Carol.Sharples@cruse.org.uk. The sessions are held on various dates in these locations. *Flyer attached.*

- NWT Services, 259 Church Street, Blackpool, FY1 3PB
- St Oswalds Church, Stanhill Road, Knuzden, Blackburn, BB1 2DP
- The Assembly Rooms, Dicconson Terrace, Lytham, FY8 5JY
- Cruse Bereavement Care, 27 Derby House, Lytham Road, Preston, PR2 8JE
- Valley Church, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 6GS

Oral Health Assessment Tool – for care homes. *Flyer attached.*

Tide's ambition to create real change for carers of people with dementia has been strengthened with the good news that we have been awarded charity status. Tide has already achieved great success with several outstanding initiatives including the Carer Development Programme and contributing to the refresh of Liverpool's dementia strategy. A new campaign has been recently developed in response to carers' needs: The Living Grief and Bereavement booklet is the first of several resources to be developed to discuss the feeling of grief that carers can experience when caring for a person with dementia. You can read more about the Living Grief and Bereavement resource [here](#) and the Carer Development Programme [here](#)

Palliative and end of life care profiles: February 2020 update - Eleven indicators have been updated and published. The update for 9 indicators includes new 2018 data and refreshed data 2009 to 2017 describing mortality at end of life for clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), strategic transformation partnerships (STPs) and NHS regions:

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- mortality rate (all ages, under 65 years, 65 to 74, 75 to 84, 85 and older)
 - percentage of all deaths by age groups (under 65 years, 65 to 74, 75 to 84, 85 and older)

The update for 2 indicators includes 2019 data and refreshed data 2012 – 2018 describing the availability of care home and nursing home beds for clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), strategic transformation partnerships (STPs), NHS regions, local authorities and higher administrative geographies:

- care home beds per 100 people aged 75 and older
- nursing home beds per 100 people aged 75 and older

New indicators on 3 or more emergency admissions coming soon - In March 2020, there will be a release of 3 new indicators on the percentage of deaths with 3 or more emergency admissions in the last 3 months of life (all ages, 75 years and older and under 75 years). They will include data from 2015 to 2018 for Clinical Commissioning Groups and higher health geographies. These new indicators will be published in early March.

[Palliative and end of life care profiles](#)

Consultations

Alzheimer's Society wants to explore the barriers to providing effective care and support along the dementia pathway. They would also like to understand if any services exist which provide an exemplary standard of care to identify best practice. This will be used to feed into a report on the state of dementia care later this year and support us to identify recommendations for national and local policymakers.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AUOMW/>

Recruitment to the NICE advisory committee for end of life care quality standard update (2020)

NICE are looking for experts to join our quality standards advisory committee (QSAC) to develop the end of life care quality standard update (2020). We need people with a professional or practitioner background in the topic in the following roles

- a GP with special interest in end of life care

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- a manager for carers, carers lead or carers commissioning lead

Information on the posts is available on the [NICE website](#). The deadline for applications is **Tuesday, 10th March 2020 at 17.00**.

[Publications](#)

Occupational therapy at home may benefit people with dementia and their carers

Multiple occupational therapy sessions, provided in a person with dementia's own home, improve their ability to carry out daily activities, compared with usual care. Improvements are also seen in behavioural and psychological symptoms and their quality of life. In addition, carers report feeling less distress, and a better quality of life. This study was a systematic review of trials where an average of eight one-hour sessions of occupational therapy was compared with usual care or minimal extra support. The benefits to daily life were measured after three or six months.

This study shows positive outcomes, but the evidence is only of low to moderate reliability. There are also questions left unanswered, including how long the effects of the occupational therapy sessions last, and whether alternative, perhaps cheaper, ways of supporting people would also be effective. Read more at: <https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/content/signal-000879/occupational-therapy-at-home-may-benefit-people-with-dementia-and-their-carers/?source=chainmail>
