



## The Loop

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### Welcome!

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### Education

**Through November 2020 to April 2021** Greater Manchester Clinical Network are hosting a series of sessions around inequalities in accessing palliative care. You can find out more about the sessions and how to book here: <https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/>

Any queries, please email Events and Engagement Manager [michelle.davies9@nhs.net](mailto:michelle.davies9@nhs.net)

27<sup>th</sup> January 2021; 1 – 3 pm – Topics: dementia and conditions other than cancer

24<sup>th</sup> February 2021; 1 – 3 pm – Topics: Mental Health and Prisons

21<sup>st</sup> April 2021; 1 – 3 pm – Topics: Learning Disabilities and LGBTQ+

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**One Step** is a new programme that has been developed specially to support health and social care professionals around end of life care. One Step is a self-led, web-based programme that individuals can complete at their own pace and convenience. As with the Six Steps end of life care programme, all resources are fully accessible without any cost. The programme comprises of four units: Identification, Assessment, Discussion and Engagement. Each unit has a narrated PowerPoint presentation, supported by a downloadable interactive notebook/workbook. Other resources to assist learning include case studies, videos, reflections, exercises, quizzes, latest evidence and literature, and a virtual assistant.

If you would like further information about the programme, please do not hesitate to contact me at [lynne.Partington@eolp.org.uk](mailto:lynne.Partington@eolp.org.uk) or see the programme at [www.sixsteps.net](http://www.sixsteps.net)

Suicide prevention funded training (especially those linked to the Orange Button) pulled together with Mind (directly commissioned by Healthier Lancs ICS) available to anybody across **Lancashire & Cumbria**. All of the information can be sought / accessed via the ICS Website, there is now a specific section on Suicide - <https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/SuicidePreventionTraining>

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## Resources

**Welcoming New Members**

**apm** Association for Palliative Medicine

Welcoming: Nurses, Pharmacists, Allied Health Care Professionals and others involved or interested in palliative care

Associate Non-doctor with Journals £105  
Associate Non-doctor without Journals £50

Palliative Care Formulary available to all eligible members, visit our website to review all benefits and to join [www.apmonline.org](http://www.apmonline.org)

PCF is available to the following APM membership types via the website  
Full members (including reduced subscription) - Associate Overseas members - Associate Non-Doctor with journals  
Associate Members do not have APM voting rights

### **New decision guide for carers of people with dementia and COVID-19**

**ENDEMIC** research team at UCL, who have developed [a guide](#) to help carers of people with dementia who have COVID-19 to make decisions about care for their loved ones. The development of the guide has been supported by Marie Curie, Alzheimer’s Society and Dementia UK. It is a free downloadable document (available [here](#)) that helps carers work through situations, medical and legal jargon so they can make informed decisions quickly under stressful circumstances. The press release can be seen [here](#). One way for carers to find out about this guide will be via signposting from social services.

**“Catalogue of losses and discoveries in Covid times – a European discussion among experts from Spain, Italy, and UK”**. A joint video-project between the University of Padua and the Bereavement Network Europe (BNE). Bereavement experts from the UK, Spain and Italy offer their views on the situations that emerged in their respective countries. Drawing on their experiences they focus on their countries’ needs in short, medium and long-term perspectives including ideas how to handle the challenges the bereaved now face from Corona’s impact. You can watch the video via the below links:

- [Bereavement Network Europe](#)

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• [University of Padua](#)

• [YouTube](#)

**If you feel that the content could be useful for other people working in the field, please feel free to share the links.**

**Animation and podcasts** - Coping with bereavement due to COVID-19

<https://www.bupa.co.uk/newsroom/ourviews/coping-with-loss-covid-19>

**Liverpool Merchants Guild** <https://liverpoolmerchantsguild.org.uk/> are an organisation that can offer financial relief at times of hardship and cover all 5 Liverpool boroughs. They are underutilised and want to make workers, particularly in palliative care, aware of their support.

*The Liverpool Merchants' Guild supports people who do not have the resources to pay for the basic, everyday things in life.*

*You, or someone you know, could be eligible for a one-off grant to maintain independence or regular payments to help cope more easily with the cost of living and day-to-day expenses.*

*We are looking to support eligible applicants who do not have the resources to pay for the basic things in life. We do this through one-off grants to you to maintain your independence (e.g. equipment or home adaptations) and/or payments to support you cope more easily with daily living expenses.*

Their Key eligibility criteria are

- *Over 50 years old*
- *Currently live in Merseyside or have lived in Merseyside in the past for a continuous period of at least 15 years.*
- *Work, or have worked as a professional or self-employed person, or in a supervisory capacity, or in a clerical or non-manual post.*
- *Have savings of less than £23,250.*
- *In financial hardship and struggling to cope on my household/personal income.*

Full application guidance can be found here <https://liverpoolmerchantsguild.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Full-Guidance-for-download-Amended-August-2019-1.pdf>

**HEE are pleased** to announce that they will soon be welcoming applications (**attachment<sup>1</sup>**) for Advanced Practice and Community Specialist Practice Demand-Led process for 21/22 cohorts. We expect to be circulating the application forms in January 2021 and you will have at least a month to complete them

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before the deadline to ensure funding is allocated correctly. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to email: [cheshireandmerseyworkforce@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:cheshireandmerseyworkforce@hee.nhs.uk)

**New monthly webinars** from the Ambitions for Palliative and End of Life Care Partnership To coincide with the end of the first national framework the Ambitions National Partnership are running free monthly webinars from Thursday, 12 November.

These webinars are an opportunity to:

- see examples of good practice from across the country, and the Ambitions Partnership
- learn from, and link up with, each other to facilitate greater spread of good practice
- discuss concerns, challenges and ideas of good palliative and end of life care.

Please contact [england.covid-eolc@nhs.net](mailto:england.covid-eolc@nhs.net) to request an invite.

GMC Guidance around decision making and consent - [https://www.gmc-uk.org/-/media/documents/updated-decision-making-and-consent-guidance-english-09\\_11\\_20\\_pdf-84176092.pdf?la=en&hash=4FC9D08017C5DAAD20801F04E34E616BCE060AAF](https://www.gmc-uk.org/-/media/documents/updated-decision-making-and-consent-guidance-english-09_11_20_pdf-84176092.pdf?la=en&hash=4FC9D08017C5DAAD20801F04E34E616BCE060AAF)

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## **Publications and Reports**

**Impact and mortality** of COVID-19 on people living with dementia: cross-country report - <https://ltccovid.org/2020/08/19/impact-and-mortality-of-covid-19-on-people-living-with-dementia-cross-country-report/>

**Supporting family** carers of people living with dementia to make difficult decisions during COVID-19. Access the decision guide: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/psychiatry/research/marie-curie-palliative-care-research-department/research/decision-aid>

**End of Life Care** in Frailty | British Geriatrics Society  
<https://www.bgs.org.uk/resources/resource-series/end-of-life-care-in-frailty>

**NICE** has published an [impact report on end of life care](#)

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**New guidance** has been published by NHS England and NHS Improvement to help address the needs of people with dementia in the COVID-19 pandemic. It complements the existing [dementia wellbeing pathway](#) and identifies specific actions to be taken at each stage. This resource is primarily for clinicians working with people with dementia but can also be used by carers and people with dementia.

**Alzheimer's Society** report bringing together evidence from a wide range of sources to shine a light on the impact of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on people who have dementia and those who care for them. Read more at: <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-09/Worst-hit-Dementia-during-coronavirus-report.pdf?source=chainmail>

**Delivering a 'Net Zero'** National Health Service and the latest NHS carbon footprint, trajectories to net zero and the interventions required to achieve that ambition. Full report here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/publication/delivering-a-net-zero-national-health-service/>

**This 2020** revised edition of #DementiaFriendlyHospitals Charter has been developed as a result of COVID-19 and enables hospitals to ensure their environments are still dementia-friendly during a pandemic. <https://nationaldementiaaction.org.uk/campaigns/dementia-friendly-hospitals/2020-charter/#WhatToExpectInHospital>

**National suicide bereavement report** was launched on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Over 7,000 people, bereaved or affected by suicide participated in the survey, making it the largest suicide bereavement survey internationally. Download a copy <https://suicidebereavementuk.com/>

**UK's COVID** bereaved suffer heightened grief – Study: <https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2020/nov/26/uks-26m-covid-bereaved-suffer-heightened-grief-finds-study>

[End of life care professionals required for exciting Q Exchange innovation](#) The idea is to develop a platform that allows patients to manage their financial affairs quickly and effectively in the event of death. They would really appreciate some advice from experienced end of life care professionals to develop our thinking, particularly around how best to handle this important subject at such a sensitive time with patients and relatives.

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The Academy of Medical Sciences has undertaken a major programme of work, both to explore public perspectives on death and dying, and to consider policy solutions to improve end of life and palliative care. As part of this work, the Academy convened a policy catalysis workshop earlier this year with the aim of exploring the policy priorities for end of life care and catalysing future policy activity for partners across the sector. Published [report of the workshop](#), alongside a corresponding [news article](#).

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