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News

Congratulations - The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre are HSJ Value Winners!

Dr Dan Monnery, Consultant in Palliative Care at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We were delighted to have been singled out for a nomination, but to win the award is overwhelming."



ESC helps people living with advanced cancer to stay healthier for longer and have a better quality of life by providing personalised advice and support, including nutrition, wellbeing and managing pain. Patients receiving ESC have lived longer and enjoyed a better quality of life during their treatment. They also remain healthier while being cared for so the service – which is being extended nationally – saves money for the NHS.

“ESC is one of The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre’s biggest successes of recent times in palliative care and is now being rolled out across the country. This project highlights the huge contribution it is making to patient outcomes while at the same time reducing demand on services.”

Education

Hold the date: National End of Life Care Intelligence Network webinar - on the newly launched 'Palliative and End of Life Care factsheet: Recent trends in place of death'

Wednesday 29 September 13:30 to 14:00

The webinar will include:

- Why a factsheet?
- What value do the factsheets have?
- Contents of the factsheet
- Guided tour through all the figures and table
- Live demonstration on fingertips

Subscribe for updates from the *National End of Life Care Intelligence Network* [HERE](#)

Free Webinar Why access and equity in advance care planning matters – University of Huddersfield Tuesday, 12 October 2021

This free online webinar will offer different perspectives on accessibility and advanced care plans (ACP). We will hear from professionals working at The Kirkwood (a hospice in Huddersfield, UK) who will share their experiences of integrating advanced care planning into their work with patients and families. The webinar will also feature a series of reflections from carers who have had direct experience of supporting someone living towards the end of life. Finally, findings from a University of Huddersfield research project about advanced care plans in hospices and care homes during the Covid 19 pandemic will be shared with attendees. Towards the end of the webinar, we will invite comments and questions from the audience for the speakers. The webinar is aimed at professionals involved in end-of-life care across a variety of contexts and settings, and it will also be of interest to individuals considering how to make plans for future care or who are supporting someone through this process. It will be hosted by the Palliative and End of Life Care Special Interest Group based in the School of Human and Health Sciences at the University of Huddersfield.

Sign up for the webinar here: <http://www.hud.ac.uk/events>

Resources

Talking about dying 2021 - Resources from the Royal College of Physicians

Advice and support for any doctor on holding conversations with patients soon after the diagnosis of a progressive or terminal condition, including frailty. How to begin honest conversations about what lies ahead [Talking about dying 2021 resources](#)

End of life care for people with dementia – guide created for any healthcare professionals providing care and support for people with dementia at the end of life

[This guide was created as part of a research project](#) funded by Marie Curie and Alzheimer's Society, led by Dr Nathan Davies and Prof Steve Iliffe. It can be used for training, to support decision-making, and help you have discussions with family members and advocates.

The Department of Work & Pensions 'Tell Us Once' service - works as a hub to provide the bereaved with a simple, single point from which to notify organisations

Life Ledger delivers a free easy-to-use service helping the bereaved and their families simplify the death notification process. Life Ledger is helping to make things a little easier for the bereaved, because dealing with the death of a loved one is difficult, making death notifications shouldn't be. Details of the government's Tell Us Once service can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/after-a-death/organisations-you-need-to-contact-and-tell-us-once>

Oxford Textbook of Palliative Care for Children – 3rd edition – out now! – The new edition of the Oxford Textbook of Palliative Care for Children brings together up-to-date information, current knowledge, evidence, and developments of clinical practice

It is suitable for both experienced clinicians and those new to the field of children's palliative care. There are four sections in this edition which are: 'Foundations of Care', 'Child and Family Care', 'Symptom Care' and finally, 'Delivery of Care'.

Two new chapters looking in detail at 'Decision Making' and 'Perinatal Care' and a new section highlighting the emerging importance of 'Palliative Care for Children in Humanitarian Crises'

A new section providing the voices of two parents telling their stories, offering thoughtful recommendations to clinicians.

ISBN: 9780198821311

Consultations

Pallaborative North West Ketamine case note survey 2021- now open for data collection

Please see the links below for the HCP questionnaire and the case note survey respectively. This will remain open for **6 weeks**, as usual a localised report will be available for those units submitting 10 or more responses. We are auditing 'episodes' of ketamine use, so if a patient has had more than one separate course of ketamine, these can be audited separately. Cases need to be from within the 12 months prior to the data collection period.

HCP: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TBWH8DW>

Case note: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ketaminecasenote>

What drives inequity in access to palliative and end of life care? - The National Palliative and End of Life Care Team

Project planned to collect and share examples of good practice in widening access to palliative and end of life care services for underserved communities.

We are particularly interested in hearing about initiatives employed in your area to identify people from under-represented populations who are likely to be in their last year of life and initiatives to improve service uptake and indicators of their success used. These populations include those with protected characteristics, those experiencing socioeconomic deprivation; social isolation; poor literacy; digital exclusion; rurality; severe mental illness, etc. Watch this space – we will be putting out a call for these examples. In the meantime, if you are involved in one of these initiatives, or know somebody who is, do drop us a note at england.palliativeandendoflife@nhs.net – with “Inequity of access project” in the subject line. No need to send details of your initiative at this stage – just let us know if you are willing to be contacted for details.

Publications

NICE End of life care quality standard update (QS13) - NICE quality standard updated

QS13 end of life care for adults updated on 2nd September 2021 and published on the NICE website:

[End of life care quality standard update](#)

Palliative and end of life care profiles: September Indicators update – Public Health England National End of Life Care Intelligence Network

Three indicators have been updated and published in the 'care homes and community' section on the [Palliative and End of Life care Profiles](#):

- care home beds per 100 people aged 75+ years (2021)
- nursing home beds per 100 people age 75+ years (2021)
- temporary care home residents who died in a care home (2019)

These have been updated for several geographies including:

- England
- Clinical Commissioning Groups (since 4/21)
- Strategic Clinical Networks
- Local Authorities
- Government Office Regions

The temporary resident in care home, percentage of all deaths in care home indicator has been updated using a revised methodology. The new methodology has resulted in a data shift for some local areas.

Palliative and end of life care profiles: July and September 2021 data update – by Public Health England

The update for 12 indicators includes new 2019 data describing mortality at end of life for clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), strategic transformation partnerships (STPs), strategic clinical networks (SCNs) and NHS regions:

- 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)
- 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)

The profiles provide an overview of palliative and end of life care in England at various geographies.

The care home bed rate and nursing home bed rate indicators have been updated to include 2021 care home data for England, strategic clinical network areas, local authorities and government office regions.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/palliative-and-end-of-life-care-profiles-september-2021-data-update>

New Palliative and End of Life Care factsheet: Recent trends in place of death – Public Health England National End of Life Care Intelligence Network

These are the first factsheets to describe place of death by month for CCGs in England. Importantly, they provide data and trends from 2019 right up to June 2021 and they will be updated monthly. Features include:

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- HTML report published for each CCG in England
 - place of death charted by month from 2019 right through to 2021
 - figures and table describe the patterns and trends for each CCG and include breakdowns by age and sex
 - a resources section provides more information on how to interpret the data and what other local or national data and intelligence resources you can use alongside these factsheets

You can access these factsheets in the [Palliative and End of Life Care Profiles](#). First go to **Data View** and select **Reports**. Then in **Geography** select **CCGs (since 4/21)**. Clicking on the ... provides the drop-down list for all the CCGs and you can then select the CCG(s) you are most interested in.

Dementia profile updates - Public Health England Official Statistics

Data relating to people with dementia, such as prevalence and diagnostics, risk factors, use of hospital services and mortality. The dementia profile is designed to improve the availability and accessibility of information on dementia.

The data is presented in an interactive tool that allows users to view and analyse it in a user-friendly format. The profile is structured around the NHS England well pathway for dementia with indicators arranged into 6 data domains:

- prevalence
- preventing well
- diagnosing well
- living well
- supporting well
- dying well

Indicators in the dementia profile are shown at Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), strategic transformation partnerships (STPs), integrated care systems (ICSs) and local authority geographies. This data gives local commissioners and providers the information needed to benchmark current practice against other areas in England and the England level. Read more [HERE](#).

Other

World Hospice and Palliative Care Day - an annual unified day of action to celebrate and support hospice and palliative care around the world

Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance celebrate palliative care, showing the world how vital it is, and why we must make sure everyone has access, no matter where they live, who they love, what their age or their background.

Voices will be heard as people living with palliative care needs and those that care for them, speak out, telling compelling stories to make you laugh, cry and think! As the world is still in the grip of the COVID-19 pandemic, where palliative care has become even more vital, we will ask policy makers to ensure an essential package of palliative care services is tailored to individual needs. World Hospice and Palliative Care Day will show why palliative care should be included within countries' plans and budgets to "build back better" so governments finance palliative care for all.

The theme this year is "Leave no-one behind - equity in access to palliative care".

Download the World Hospice and Palliative Care Day Toolkit [HERE](#)

Introducing the Anne Robson Trust - Are you working towards a Good/Outstanding standards of care CQC rating?

The Anne Robson Trust would like to offer your staff, patients and families support to provide personalised palliative and end of life care.

The charity works in partnership with NHS Hospitals to help them set up and train teams of 'end of life' volunteers who offer time, comfort and support to patients and families. Please view [the short video on the website homepage](#). More [information about how we support hospitals can be found here](#). This support to NHS Trusts is completely free of charge.

Feedback request: The Loop Newsletter please let us know your thoughts

Until now we have published editions around every two months - or sooner if we have lots to report or items that need to be circulated quickly. We have compiled a short questionnaire to gather your suggestions on future newsletter frequency. Please let us know your thoughts here:

[MS Forms questionnaire The Loop](#)
