



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

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News

Vacancy at Trinity Hospice – Speciality Doctor in Palliative Medicine: Closing Date: 31 October 2022

This is an ideal opportunity for a doctor with a special interest in Palliative Medicine and end of life care to join the hospice at an exciting time of growth and service development. This post would suit someone wishing to pursue a career or gain experience in this professionally rewarding specialty, or a GP looking to develop a portfolio career or considering a complete change of specialty. For more information and to apply for this role please visit NHS Jobs (please note - Trinity Hospice is not part of the NHS but utilise the NHS vacancy platform) <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/> Job Reference: J181-B0270-22-1791.

Evaluation of hospice at home services – National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR)

The NIHR evaluation of hospice at home services is now available to view, and you can find this here [Optimum models of hospice at home services for end-of-life care in England: a realist-informed mixed-methods evaluation \(nihr.ac.uk\)](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/resources/evaluations/evaluation-of-hospice-at-home-services-for-end-of-life-care-in-england-a-realist-informed-mixed-methods-evaluation)

Hospital at home is a good option for many older people - National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR)

Being cared for at home is a good alternative to hospital for many older people, researchers have found. Read more [here](#).

Education

Global Research & Future Innovations in Best Care for the Dying Person – Thursday 13th October 2022, Royal College of Physicians North: The Spine

This one day conference, available to both in person and virtual attendees, will include a series of presentations and workshops from world-leading clinicians and researchers. Virtual delegates can enjoy access to the proceedings on the day and/or for 30 days afterwards via the RCP online events platform. The programme will be of interest to consultants, trainees of all grades, specialist nurses and allied healthcare professionals with an interest in palliative and end of life care.

You can view the full programme and registration information here:

www.bestcareforthedying.org/conference, and for any queries please contact Jo Davies on joanne.davies@liverpool.ac.uk.

Improving Adult Bereavement Care, Support & Services conference – Healthcare Conferences UK

This virtual conference (£295) will take place on Wednesday 19 October 2022. For the full programme content, speaker line-up and to book visit:

www.healthcareconferencesuk.co.uk/conferences-masterclasses/adult-bereavement

Non Medical Prescribing in End of Life Care – Healthcare Conferences UK

This virtual conference will take place on Thursday 10th November. Book [online](#) quoting discount code hcuk20nm for 20% discount.

Advanced Communication Skills – 2 day training course

Open to Health and Social Care Professionals who are regularly involved in complex, difficult or challenging conversations with patients, families or colleagues and wishing to practice and enhance their communication skills in a safe and supported environment,

- St. Mary's Hospice Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th October 2022 Email education@stmaryshospice.org.uk or call Trisha Atkinson: 01229 580305
- End of Life Partnership: [Advanced Communication Skills Training \(ACST\) | The End of Life Partnership \(eolp.co.uk\)](#) face to face or online
- Queenscourt Hospice 1-2 December 2022 or 30-31 January 2023 via Zoom [link here](#)

Updates to End of Life Care for All - (e-ELCA) elearning

Health Education England elearning for healthcare (HEE elfh) has worked with the Association for Palliative Medicine to update 5 existing sessions within the End-of-Life Care for All (e-ELCA) elearning programme. These sessions are:

- [Introduction to e-learning for end-of-life care](#)
- [Registered nurse verification of expected adult death](#)
- [Recognising and managing malignant spinal cord compression](#)
- [Symptom management in people with learning difficulties](#)
- [Talking about death and dying](#)

More information is available on the [End-of-Life Care for All \(e-ELCA\) programme page](#).

Resources

Palliative and End of Life Care Resource Directory and Profiles updates – Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

The intelligence and guidance are updated quarterly. The profiles have been developed by the National End of Life Care Intelligence Network (NEoLCIN) to improve the availability

and accessibility of information and intelligence around palliative and end of life care. They provide an overview across multiple geographies in England, to support commissioning and planning of local services. The data in the profiles are grouped into topics. These include: place of death; underlying cause of death; mortality; death in usual place of residence; care homes and community; hospital care; dementia: [Resource Directory](#) Updates to the [Place of death factsheets for CCGs](#) are available by month from 2019 up to 2022 (up to May 2022) for each CCG. These factsheets provide the most recent data available on trends in place of death at CCG level during the COVID-19 pandemic and compares this with the pattern seen in 2019 as a baseline.

Care After Death 4th Edition now published – Hospice UK

The 4th edition of The Care After Death document has been published. You can download a copy using the link below:

<https://professionals.hospiceuk.org/what-we-offer/publications?cat=72e54312-4ccd-608d-ad24-ff0000fd3330>

Publications

Palliative and End of Life Care Statutory Guidance – NHS England

This guidance can be found here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/B1673-Palliative-and-End-of-Life-Care-Statutory-Guidance-for-Integrated-Care-Boards-20-July-2022.pdf> As you will be aware, there are wide reaching reforms within the Health and Care Act 2022, including the legal foundations for Integrated Care Boards (ICBs). [Clause 21 of the Act](#) states that ICBs have a legal responsibility to commission palliative care services that meet their population needs and is included in a list of health services ICBs must arrange as are appropriate.

Sue Ryder research report launched - ‘A better route through grief: Support for people facing grief across the UK’

This research reveals where there are gaps in bereavement support and what needs to be done to address these gaps. Read more here:

<https://www.sueryder.org/sites/default/files/2022-06/A%20better%20route%20through%20grief%20report.pdf>

Easy Read Version of Advance Care Planning (ACP)

An easy read version of the UACP has been published and can be found here - [NHS England » Universal Principles for Advance Care Planning \(ACP\)](#). This supports the full version of the UACP previously published and also available on the same web page. The purpose of this document is to set out six high level principles for advance care planning in England. It is for the person, those important to them, practitioners and organisations involved in supporting advance care planning conversations and honouring their outcomes.

Empowering parents with a life-limiting illness to talk to their children about their condition – Research Published

[Research published](#) recently by Dr Steve Marshall and colleagues offers a rare insight into children’s needs and preferences for pre-bereavement support, and contains important recommendations for practice for professionals. Drawing on this research Marie Curie, in collaboration with the researchers from King’s College London and Ulster University, created a practical [guide](#) which includes 10 tips for health and social care professionals to empower parents and carers to have conversations with their children about their life-limiting condition.

Other

Community Pharmacy – Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework 5-year deal

The Pharmacy Quality Scheme in the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework 2019-2024 5 year deal update has just been published. For the rest of Year 4 (2022-23: commencing on 10th Oct 2022) and Year 5 (2023-24), this scheme will include new criteria aimed at improving access to medicines to support palliative and end of life care. This quality criteria sets out that contractors must update their NHS profile manager to indicate whether they hold the identified end of life critical medicines and have an action plan in place to be able to support patients and carers in obtaining palliative and end of life medicines. See [link](#) for further details.

PEoLC in prisons - ECHO Network

A collaborative pilot ECHO Network is being set up to focus on promoting better care and support for people dying in prisons within England and Wales. An ECHO network is a virtual community of practice that connects professionals to share knowledge and best practice, as well as provide peer support. The aim of this ECHO network will be to bring professionals from across the criminal justice and health and care sector together to learn from each other, develop knowledge and skills and share best practice. If you are interested in joining the ECHO Network, please register your interest by emailing echo@hospiceuk.org with your name, job title and organisation.

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