



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

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News

The Network is saddened by the news that Tony Bonser has died

Tony worked closely with the clinical networks and was a great ambassador for quality end of life care. He contributed hugely to network projects, most recently co-producing the Carer Check-In training module. He was North West champion for the Dying Matters campaign and a trustee for St. Catherine's Hospice for many years. Tony's passion for palliative and end of life care came from the saddest of circumstances - his son, Neil, died at the age of 35 after being diagnosed with a sarcoma.

Please find below two links to just giving fundraising pages of Tony's choice hosted by his daughter Samantha:

Just Giving links: [For St Catherine's Hospice Preston](#) and [For Macmillan Cancer Support](#)

Save the Date – Dying Matters week 2023

[Dying Matters Awareness Week](#) will be taking place between 1-7 May 2023.

Health and Care Research Award – Online Advance Care Planning training resource

Colleagues previously working for Pennine Lancashire CCGs have been awarded the Greater Manchester Health and Care Research Award for collaborative working accomplishment for the development of online advance care planning support training resource: <https://www.acpsupport.co.uk/>

The resource was developed to support health care providers in having advance care planning (ACP) discussions with people approaching the end of their lives. The training is

recommended for all health care staff (clinical or non-clinical) as all are likely to come into contact with people approaching the end of their lives at some point.

The Universal Principles of Advance Care Planning are available via [this link](#).

Education

Advanced Communication Skills - 2023 dates from St. Mary's Hospice

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.

Dates: *Wed 8th & Thurs 9th Feb via Zoom; Thurs 27th & Fri 28th April at St Mary's; Wed 14th & Thurs 15th June via Zoom; Wed 18th & Thurs 19th October via Zoom.*

Email education@stmaryshospice.org.uk or call Trisha Atkinson on 01229 580 305.

Advanced Communication Skills and other courses - Queenscourt Hospice

A number of PEO LC-related courses including ACST and Mayfly are offered. Click link for course calendar: [Education Course Calendar - Queenscourt Hospice](#)

Online Webinar - Royal Society of Medicine: digital approaches to end of life care

The Royal Society of Medicine are hosting an online webinar on January 25th 'Digital approaches to end of life care: Dying in a technology enhanced way.' The purpose of this event is to explore how digital approaches can enable people to have a more satisfactory end of life experience. Click link for further information: [Digital approaches to end of life care – Dying in a technology enhanced way \(rsm.ac.uk\)](#)

Virtual Conferences

– Effective Non-Medical Prescribing in End of Life Care

Healthcare Conferences UK are hosting A Practical Guide to Effective Non-Medical Prescribing in End of Life Care for Current and Aspiring Non-Medical Prescribers on Thursday 23rd March 2023. More details available via this [link](#).

– Improving Adult Bereavement Care, Support & Services

This Wednesday 1st March 2023 conference focuses on improving care, support and services for adult bereavement, with practical advice and guidance for better supporting bereaved relatives and improving bereavement care services. More details [here](#).

– Caldicott Principles & Information Sharing in End of Life Care course – to be held virtually on Tuesday 14th March 2023. More details via this [link](#).

Resources

3 minute film / book – 'When Words Are Not Enough' - creative responses to grief

Watch a 3 minute film about [When Words Are Not Enough](#).

Discount code for book 'When Words Are Not Enough' by Jane Harris, when ordered through her publisher www.Quickthornbooks.com: add GOODGRIEF22 in the basket for 20% discount.

Publications

Handbook for ICB Statutory Guidance for ICSs – Now available on FutureNHS

The [handbook](#) has been developed to supplement the earlier published Statutory Guidance for ICSs. It aims to provide practical advice on implementing quality palliative and end of life care for the whole population.

The handbook is aimed at ICB commissioners responsible for planning and developing services but may also be beneficial to place-based commissioners, providers of PEOLC and the voluntary and community sector.

Two new self-assessment tools are now available as part of the repository of resources. Both are available on the national Palliative and End of Life Care Network FutureNHS site. If you are not already a member, please email england.palliativeandendoflife@nhs.net for joining instructions, which when followed will allow you to see the links.

Please see the following links:

[Assessment tool for the service specifications](#) and [Assessment tool for commissioning & investment framework](#)

Directory of key commissioning documents – on national Palliative and End of Life Care Network FutureNHS site

View via the following link: [Directory of PEOLC commissioning resources Nov 22 - Palliative and End of Life Care Network - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#)

Medications in the community – Details published

Access to palliative and end of life care medications had been included as a new criterion in the Pharmacy Quality Scheme. The details have now been published. Click the following to see the [Pharmacy Quality Scheme](#), the Palliative and End of life care section is on pages 41-43.

Actmed briefing - improving access to medicines to support palliative care at home

Professor Sue Latter and Dr. Natasha Campling from the University of Southampton have been evaluating patient and carer access to medicines at the end of life within the context of models of service delivery. The findings from this evaluation have helped to shape a briefing paper: [85438 - A4 4pp Policy Brief - ActMed.pdf \(southampton.ac.uk\)](#)

The Better End of Life Report 2022 – understanding and improving out-of-hours care for people with advanced illness and their informal carers

New research by King's College London's Cicely Saunders Institute, Hull York Medical School at the University of Hull, the University of Cambridge and funded by Marie Curie on understanding and improving out-of-hours care for people with advanced illness and their informal carers has been published. To read more, please click on the following link: [Mind the gaps: understanding and improving out-of-hours care for people with advanced illness and their informal carers](#)

Other

Working with terminal illness - scoping review and human resources survey findings

Report published in partnership with Marie Curie, looking at the role of wellbeing at the end of life. The briefing shares insights about existing workplace support and practices. For more information click the following link: [Working with terminal illness: scoping review and HR survey findings - What Works Wellbeing](#)

Online event: working with terminal illness, what is known and what is needed

Event to discuss the findings from the research: 12 January, 2-3:30pm. To register for the event, please follow the link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Research – Consultation on care planning in older adult care homes in England

Research study looking at care planning in older adult care homes and how it can support and improve the wellbeing of their residents. Social care professionals involved in conducting, managing, or supporting the care planning process are invited to share their views and experience to help researchers better understand how care planning can improve residents' wellbeing and quality of life. Interviews by a member of the research

team will be recorded and take around 45 minutes. Please contact n.j.smith@kent.ac.uk for more information.

Podcast: What to do about dying? – with Richard Smith and Libby Sallnow

In January this year [The Lancet published its commission on the value of death following a five-year inquiry](#). Richard Smith is currently Chair of the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change and Libby Sallnow is a palliative medicine consultant at Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust and University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. [listen to their conversation with Health Foundation](#)

Coping with Grief over the holidays – Hospice UK resources

While many prepare for a joyful break as the year ends, others are facing a challenging festive period, coping with grief or supporting someone who is grieving. Hospice UK offer guidance on dealing with grief during the holidays: <https://www.hospiceuk.org/latest-from-hospice-uk/dealing-grief-over-holidays>



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