



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

The Loop

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News

Interim National Clinical Director for PEO LC – Sarah Mitchell

Appointed to the national programme in May 2023, Sarah Mitchell is a GP and Associate Professor of Palliative Care at the University of Leeds.

North West Ambulance Service Digital Award – [Lancashire Business Review](#)

26/06/2023 NWAS has won a national award for its innovative use of digital tools. The organisation won the Enhancing Workforce Engagement, Productivity and Wellbeing Through Digital Award at the inaugural HSJ Digital Awards.

Events

Celebrating Clinical Excellence – Event held in March 2023

In March, the national PEO LC Team held a 'Celebrating Clinical Excellence Event' chaired by Prof. Bee Wee. This event marked the end of Phase 2 of the PEO LC Getting to Outstanding Quality Improvement Programme and acted as a showcase and celebration of participating systems' quality improvement work. The event also showcased various Clinical Excellence projects such as The Dementia Toolkit, EARLY Identification Toolkit, Patient and Carer Experience Tools, and Homelessness eLearning. More information can be found on Future NHS [here](#).

Education

Improving Out of Hours Care at the End of Life - Healthcare Conferences UK Ltd

This conference focuses on the important issue of improving out of hours care for people at the end of life. The devastating pressures of the pandemic caused many services to significantly change the ways they can offer care, and the continuous strain on hospitals today makes it critically important for out of hours support to be available and effective for all. Friday 13th October 2023 (virtual conference) - Programme and booking details [here](#).

Palliative Care Research Society – [Upcoming events](#)

11 July 2023 (virtual) - Myths, mystics and mandrakes: exploring pain through a historical lens

28 September & 12 October 2023 - The APM & PCRS Research Course: Understanding and Applying Research Methods in Practice

- Week 1 Pre-work is issued 21 September
- Week 2 Research Methodology and Appraising the Literature 28 September (virtual)
- Week 3 Research – Getting Started 12 October in-person, Leeds

17 October 2023 (virtual) - Planning in the face of uncertainty – the place of advance care planning – considerations of patients, family caregivers and health professionals.

Resources

EARLY Identification Toolkit – 2022/23 review

The EARLY Toolkit was developed collaboratively by North-West and London PEO LC SCNs, Dr Andrew Fletcher, and the Midlands and Lancashire CSU. It aims to support colleagues in Primary Care settings in the early identification of people who are likely to be in their last year of life. The EARLY Toolkit containing the clinical search tool, and suite of resources to support implementation, has now undergone a review for 2022/23: [EARLY Identification Toolkit 2023](#)

Commissioning Resources – National PEO LC Programme

- [Commissioner guidance for 24/7 face to face care and specialist advice](#) aims to support commissioners by providing the key principles of effective 24/7 care and advice services.
- [Metrics for consideration for PEO LC in the home setting](#) is aimed at commissioners or providers who wish to consider a range of measures that contribute to assurance of quality provision
- The [directory of commissioning resources](#) has been updated to reflect what resources are available and where it can be found.

People experiencing Homelessness - Draft Toolkit

NHS England commissioned Pathway, in association with UCL and Marie Curie to develop a new draft resource to enable commissioners and providers to work collaboratively with homeless inclusion services to identify need and gain feedback about the palliative and end of life care of people experiencing homelessness. With four questionnaires and detailed guidance on how to use them, this draft toolkit should prove an invaluable resource to help local areas develop and improve PEO LC for people experiencing homelessness.

Draft toolkit accessible via FutureNHS space: [DRAFT Toolkit – April 2023 – PEO LC Network](#)

Dementia Palliative Care Service Toolkit – Derbyshire Dementia Palliative Care Team

The Derbyshire Dementia Palliative Care Team have worked with regional NHS England to create a 'Gold Standard Model' and Toolkit that demonstrates improved palliative and end-of-life care for people living and dying with dementia. This suite of tools will facilitate an Integrated Care System to recreate their own bespoke Dementia Palliative care provision. Access the Toolkit by visiting: [Dementia Palliative Care service Toolkit](#)

Research

Hospice at home can enable people to have a good death in the place of their choosing – National Institute for Health and Care Research

Hospice at home provides end-of-life care for people who would like to die at home. A review in England found that these services support a good death (as reported by the bereaved carer) and enable most people to die in their preferred location (usually at home). The researchers suggest that services could often be improved by better integrating them within local health services, reviewing their statutory funding arrangements, and making greater use of volunteers. Bereaved carers expressed a need for support from the staff they had come to know (instead of from someone new). [Read more here.](#)

Other

National End of Life Care Intelligence Network – Updates from Office for Health Improvement and Disparities

The [place of death](#) factsheets have been updated to include data up to February 2023 for ICBs. This update changes the geographic focus from CCG to ICB.

The recent trends of deaths in [care homes](#) and provision of care factsheet, has been updated to include data up to February 2023, for England and local authorities.

[Place of death indicators](#) (hospital home, care home, hospice, and other places), have been updated with data for integrated care boards (ICBs) and ICB sub-location. This replaces data for CCGs and Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships.

The percentage of deaths in care homes who were [temporary care home residents indicator](#) has been updated with data for integrated care boards (ICBs) and ICB sub-locations. This replaces data for CCGs and Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships.

The [Resource Directory](#) which covers 7 themes, has been updated for this quarter (Apr-Jun 2023). New additions to the Conditions theme include links to resources on Mental Health and Musculoskeletal Conditions, included in the forthcoming UK government's [Major Conditions Strategy](#).

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