



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

The Loop

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News

Volunteer supports patients receiving palliative care – Wirral Hospital (WUTH)

As part of her role, Barbara Blackburn has supported many patients who are at end of life in the hospital and their loved ones by offering a listening ear, comfort and kindness. Read more about her role and experiences [here](#).

Life at St Mary's Hospice – 5-part podcast series looking behind the scenes of [St Marys Hospice](#). Featuring interviews with patients, staff, volunteers and supporters.

Education

Demonstrating and Improving the Quality of End of Life Care - End Of Life Partnership Masterclass: Implementing and using outcome measures in clinical practice

Thursday 21 September 2023

Guest speaker: Professor Fliss Murtagh

This Masterclass will be relevant to health and social care professionals and organisations delivering care palliative and end of life care; who wish to improve patients' and families' care by understanding and using outcome measurement and data to underpin quality improvement. Further information and booking [here](#).

Undergraduate Medical Education Special Interest Forum – Association for Palliative Medicine (APM): Contemporary issues in undergraduate palliative care education

Conference on 18th October 2023 at The Spine in Liverpool

For those involved in medical education, working to empower the next generation of doctors to deliver compassionate and comprehensive care to patients with life-limiting illnesses. Providing a platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and collaborative learning. Delving into the latest advancements and challenges in palliative medicine education, exploring innovative approaches to undergraduate training. £40 including lunch and refreshments. Visit the [booking page](#) to register.

Learning from Deaths in Healthcare – Inside Government: Online training course

To enable you to scrutinise, explore and take away key information for improving your organisation's approach to learning from deaths. Applying a socio-cultural perspective to discussions of the existing barriers, you will discover where to focus intervention within your own context. You will take away practical methods for fostering a more positive, open, and transparent culture conducive to individual and organisational learning. Further information and booking via [website](#).

Aspiring Leaders in Palliative Care – End of Life Partnership Programme

This programme helps to unlock leadership potential and equips you with the essential knowledge, skills, and insights to navigate the complexities of leading in a palliative care environment. November 2023 to March 2024 (virtual). Limited places available; applications close 30 October 2023. Find out more here: [Aspiring Leaders in Palliative Care Programme](#).

Healthcare Conferences UK Ltd:

Improving Care, Support & Services for Adult Bereavement - 22nd September 2023

This conference focuses on the important issue of improving care, support and services for adult bereavement. Hear practical advice and guidance for better supporting bereaved relatives and improving your bereavement care services. The conference will help you understand the current models of loss and bereavement, and you will hear how you can assess practical, social and psychological support needs. [Programme and booking via link](#).

Non-Medical Prescribing in End of Life Care - Tuesday 12th December 2023 (virtual).

For current and aspiring Non-Medical Prescribers. A practical guide to effective non-medical prescribing in end of life care, this conference will also update non-medical prescribers in the issues around prescribing controlled drugs. Booking via [website](#).

Reducing & Managing Pressure Ulcers at the End of Life – 13th December 2023

This conference focusing on the prevention and management of pressure ulcers at the end of life. It has been estimated that approximately one third of palliative care patients will experience a pressure ulcer. Skin failure is a naturally occurring process commonly associated with terminal illness. [Programme and booking](#)

Resources

Office for Health Improvement and Disparities

New palliative and end of life care factsheet - This [factsheet](#) for England describes patterns of care near the end of life related to 4 major conditions; cancer, cardiovascular disease, dementia and respiratory disease.

Palliative and end of life care profiles – available [here](#)

[Factsheet on place of death](#) updated to include data up to February 2023. This update changes the geographic focus from CCG to ICB.

NHS 2023 GP Patient Survey results published – Lancashire & South Cumbria ICB

This year, approximately 2.6 million people, aged 16 or over and registered with a GP practice in England, were invited to take part in the survey from January to April. The survey covers experience of primary care – primarily in general practice and monitors a range of experiences including ease of making appointments, whether or not a time for an appointment was allocated, opening hours, treatment and care planning by healthcare professionals. Data available at PCN and ICS level. [Link to survey results](#)

Research

Palliative Care for People with Heart Failure – Research development event

The Palliative Care Research Network (North West Coast) PalCaRe NWC are setting up a series of [topic based groups](#) to facilitate developing research ideas, protocols and grant applications in specific topic areas. At the moment the three groups being set up will focus on developing research in heart failure, paediatric palliative care, and education.

The first topic based group will focus on heart failure, facilitated by Dr Amy Gadoud at 10am on 18th September.

If you are interested in being part of any of these, please contact Dr Lesley Dunleavy l.dunleavy@lancaster.ac.uk for more information (indicating whether attending in-person or online for catering purposes).

Electronic Palliative Care Coordination System (EPaCCS) Survey – Share2Care/EOLP

Shared electronic records such as EPaCCS contain key patient palliative and end of life information, including advance care planning and significant conversations. The End of Life Partnership (EOLP) and the Cheshire and Merseyside ICB Shared Care Records Team (Share2Care) have pulled together a short survey to obtain a deeper appreciation of the benefits that the sharing of Electronic Palliative Care Coordination Systems (EPaCCS) information is having for patient care. Findings from this survey will be used within communications, education as well as informing future commissioning priorities around the use of EPaCCS. [This survey](#) will take no more than five minutes (closes 28th September 2023).

Survey invitation

Patient-reported outcome measures in palliative care for heart failure

Are you a healthcare professional who cares for patients with heart failure and a palliative care diagnosis in the UK? The University of the West of England want to hear your views regarding the use of patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) in this patient group.

[This survey](#) will take 5-10 minutes to complete.

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