



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

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News

Homeless palliative care service featured in national NHS framework

– **published on 10 October** This focuses on the role that the NHS plays in improving healthcare, and how partnerships across sectors such as housing and the voluntary and community sector play a key role in addressing wider determinants of health. The Liverpool Homeless Palliative Care Multidisciplinary Team was selected as one of ten case studies featured as an example of good practice in inclusion health. You can access the framework and read the full case study [here](#).

New cancer service cuts hospital stays for elderly – The Times 23/10/23

Over 200 patients have been treated by a new specialist cancer service for elderly patients at the Christie Hospital in Manchester, which was set up to meet the more complex care needs of an ageing population. The service has nearly halved the number of unplanned hospital admissions among older cancer patients, improving survival and quality of life. Read more here: [The Times 23/10/23](#).

New palliative care hub opens at Wigan Infirmary – Wigan Today 18/11/23

A former ward has been transformed into a new Macmillan Supportive and Palliative Care Hub at Wigan Infirmary, providing new space to support patients and their families. Prof Chris Brookes, chairman-elect of Wigan Warriors and chief medical officer of the Rugby Football League and England Rugby League officially opened the area that is predicted to “transform the way in which end-of-life care and support is delivered” by the trust. Read more [here](#).

Caring for the carer – what’s in it for Integrated Care Systems?

Hear from an unpaid carer for over 50 years, who was recruited as a public advisor for NHS England to bring experience and perspective to help inform national strategy, policy and implementation. Janice Clarke talks about her experiences of caring for relatives and why she thinks it’s important for Integrated Care Systems to reach out to people with lived experiences to help make change and offer more support to carers. Read the story [here](#).

L&SC GP presented with MBE for his work – Cumbria Crack 26/10/2023

A GP has been presented with an MBE by King Charles III. Andy Knox, who is associate medical director for population health at Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board, and a GP in Carnforth, was awarded the honour at Buckingham Palace this week. It was awarded in recognition for his services to primary care and tackling health inequalities across the region, part of the King's first birthday honours list. Read more [here](#).

Events

Commitment to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Hospice Care – Conference 25th January 2024, Crewe Alexander Football Club, Crewe

Research shows end-of-life care accessibility presents challenges for many groups within our communities. It is not enough to simply be aware of this, hospices should consider and make changes in light of this issue. It is crucial hospices work to enhance workforce diversity and engage with marginalised and underrepresented communities. We invite you to engage in a diverse program brimming with discussions, deliberations, presentations, research, and educational opportunities from and alongside peers from the hospice and end-of-life sector. For more information, please contact ellen.coleman@slhospice.co.uk

Supporting and Improving Communication in End of Life Care

CPD certified virtual conference 24th January 2024

This conference will focus on improving communication in end of life care and highlight best practice in individualised advance care planning, following the findings of the National Audit of Care at the End of Life 2022/23 Report.

Healthcare Conferences UK:

Supporting and Improving Communication in End of Life Care – Virtual Conference

24th May 2024 Focuses on improving communication in end of life care and will highlight best practice in individualised advance care planning. It will also discuss the challenges of talking about death and why overcoming the taboo can benefit everyone. Details on [website](#).

Effective Non Medical Prescribing in End of Life Care – Virtual Conference

24th May 2024 Provides an essential update for non medical prescribers on prescribing at the end of life. The conference, which includes national updates, extended in depth sessions and case studies will focus on developing your skills and competence as a non medical prescriber in end of life care.

Education

Training the Teachers in Palliative Care – Save the date 17th–19th June 2024

This well-established international short course at Leonardo Hotel Liverpool is suitable for healthcare professionals who have more than two years' experience of working in palliative and end of life care and who are expected to provide education as part of their role. £725 For more information/registration contact course administrator Alison Holcroft - Palliative Care Unit, University of Liverpool. Alison.Holcroft@liverpool.ac.uk / [link](#).

Advanced Communication Skills 2 day Training Course – by St Mary's Hospice

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. The training provides a structured evidence based and practical approach to advanced communication skills based on the Connected ACST course. To book email: education@stmaryshospice.org.uk or call Trisha Atkinson 01229 580 305. £475pp

New sessions available helps learners to recognise palliative care needs – e-ELCA

The End-of-Life Care For All (e-ELCA) e-learning programme now features a new session on [recognising palliative care needs](#). The resource describes common palliative care needs and offers guidance on how to identify these needs and provide the most appropriate care on an individual basis. e-ELCA also features newly updated sessions covering a range of topics including communicating with people with speech, language and other communication difficulties, assessment of anxiety, depression and delirium to spiritual care and quality of life. An existing session on dying as a prisoner has also been updated.

Communities of Practice – Palliative and End of Life Care for People Experiencing Homelessness A new [programme](#) has been developed to help set up local, multidisciplinary/multi-professional communities of practice. These aim to provide a source of support for professionals, whilst ultimately improving the care that people with advanced ill health and who are experiencing homelessness receive.

Resources

PEoLC data profiles, reports, and resource directory – Office for Health Improvement and Disparities Collection updated 18th October 2023 the data profiles are produced by the National End of Life Care Intelligence Network, to support the interpretation of new data and provide core information for service improvement. The data includes: needs assessment; care homes and the community; hospital care; place of death; mortality rates; dementia; underlying cause of death. <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/palliative-and-end-of-life-care> and [Resource Directory](#) which can be used by service providers, commissioners and policy makers in facilitating, scoping and implementing their local responses to the findings presented in the profiles.

New: Palliative and end of life care indicator and commentary updates - National End of Life Care Intelligence Network

New data for 2022 now added to Palliative and end of life care profile for England and local areas. This release is accompanied by a short statistical commentary describing place of death, temporary care home deaths, and 3 or more emergency admissions in the last 90 days. Read more [here](#).

Cheshire EPAIGE – essential resources for PEoLC health and social care professionals EPAIGE serves as a “library”, leading you to a diverse array of essential resources in the field of palliative and end of life care. These resources include Best Practice Documentation; National and Local Guidelines; Assessment Tools; Useful Contacts. [↓ Electronic Proactive Assessment and Information Guide for End of Life \(EPAige\) \(cheshire-epaige.nhs.uk\)](#)

How medical examiners support bereaved people and help improve patient safety – Dr Alan Fletcher, National Medical Examiner for England explains in his [blog](#) about the important support medical examiners provide for bereaved people, whose insights and experiences can be crucial in supporting the NHS to learn and improve the care it provides.

Is a good death achievable? – Webinar from International Collaborative for Best Care of the Dying Person - Recording now available here:

www.bestcareforthedying.org/webinars-

Other

Substance misuse in palliative care network – ECHO Network

The network was established to bring together mental health teams, addiction services alongside palliative care providers to share their knowledge and expertise to help improve

the experiences of those they support. The target audience includes healthcare professionals, social care and specialist teams that may support individuals receiving palliative care who are either misusing substances or have a history of substance use. Register for the network [here](#).

New OPEL Framework 2023/24 – Operational Pressures Escalation Levels (OPEL)

The OPEL Framework provides a consistent approach to detection and assessment of acute hospital urgent and emergency care operating pressures. The 2023/24 framework replaces all previous versions of the framework. Read more [here](#).



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