



## Welcome

Welcome to the tenth issue of our NEoLCIN e-alert which shares the latest resources released by the NEoLCIN, recently published end of life care reports, and forthcoming events.

## Update from NEoLCIN

### End of Life Care Profiles data update

The End of Life Care Profiles data update for December 2017 has been published.

The profiles are designed to improve the availability and accessibility of information around end of life care. The data are presented in an interactive tool that allow users to view and analyse them in a user-friendly format.

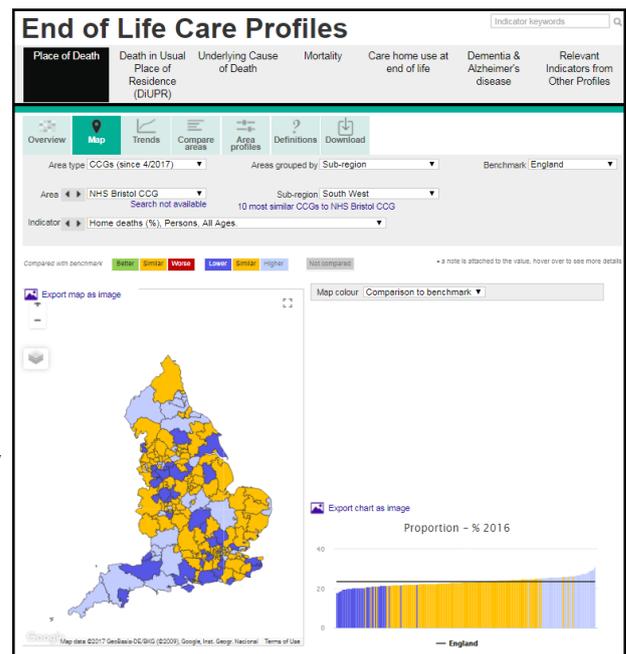
The profiles provide a snapshot overview of end of life care at various geographies. They are intended to help local government and health services to improve care at the end of life.

This indicators included in this update includes :

- **place of death** domain (hospital, home, care home, hospice and other places by age)
- **underlying cause of death** domain (cancer, respiratory disease and circulatory disease by age)

These indicators have been updated for the following geographies: Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs), Strategic Clinical Networks and Regions.

See the [End of Life Care Profiles](#).



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# Update from NEOLCIN continued..

## Death in Usual Place of Residence (DiUPR) data

The latest provisional rolling data on annual deaths in usual place of residence 2015-16 Q1 to 2017-18 Q2 is now available on the NEOLCIN website. This is a performance indicator for end of life care and focuses on place of death, namely 'usual place of residence', as a proxy marker for quality. 'Usual place of residence' includes deaths that occurred at home, care home or religious establishment. The indicator is produced quarterly on a rolling 12-month basis for all Strategic Clinical Networks, PHE Centres, Clinical Commissioning Groups and Local Authorities in England. Historical data from the last ten years is available from the [End of Life Care Profiles](#).

## Article published in Lancet Gastroenterology and Hepatology

A number of the NEOLCIN team have supported Dr Benjamin Hudson and others in publishing a new article on the cost of end of life care and importance, in particular of planned paracentesis as opposed to emergency paracentesis. Liver disease mortality increased by 400% in the UK between 1970 and 2010, resulting in rising pressures on acute hospital services, and an increasing need for end-of-life care. The project explored the effect of demographic, clinical, and health-care factors on costs, patterns of health-care use, and place of death in a national cohort of patients with cirrhosis and ascites in their last year of life.



## End of Life Care data to inform Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs): Updated Tool and Metadata Guide

In October, we updated the End of Life Care Sustainability and Transformation (STP) Tool - Version 3 with a Metadata Guide - Version 3.

The spreadsheet includes the most recently available data for 24 indicators presented at STP and CCG level, and includes the number of deaths, the age, cause and place of deaths, data describing hospital admissions near the end of life together with information on the number of care home beds and use of palliative care registers by GP practices.

This information will be of use to end of life care commissioners and care providers and can contribute to identifying best practice and local priorities for action.

Download the Tool and Metadata guide from the [NEOLCIN website](#).

Indicator reference number	Indicator Name	Indicator Source	Year	England Value	STP - Milton Keynes, Bedfordshire and Luton			
					Higher than England	Similar to England	Lower than England	STP Suppressed or not
1	Variation in the number of deaths (2015)	PHE (NEOLCIN) ONS Monthly Data	2015	493,498	6,724	3,519	1,406	1,799
2	Variation in the proportion of all people who died who were aged 85 years and older (2015)	PHE (NEOLCIN) ONS Monthly Data	2015	40.4	27.9	30.2	28.8	38.1
3	Variation in the proportion of all people who died with an underlying cause of cancer (2015)	PHE (NEOLCIN) ONS Monthly Data	2015	69.2	64.8	68.9	62.8	65.1
4	Variation in the proportion of all people who died with an underlying or contributory cause of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) (2015)	PHE (NEOLCIN) ONS Monthly Data	2015	27.4	28.6	28.7	28.1	28.8
5	Variation in the proportion of all people who died with an underlying or contributory cause of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) (2015)	PHE (NEOLCIN) ONS Monthly Data	2015	30.7	30.6	31.5	32.2	32.9
6	Variation in the proportion of people who died with an underlying cause of chronic heart disease (2015)	PHE (NEOLCIN) ONS Monthly Data	2015	4.6	4.7	4.2	7.2	7.1
7	Variation in the proportion of all people who died with an underlying cause of chronic heart disease (2015)	PHE (NEOLCIN) ONS Monthly Data	2015	11.3	8.8	9.1	8.8	8.7
8	Variation in the proportion of all people who died with an underlying cause of liver disease (2015)	PHE (NEOLCIN) ONS Monthly Data	2015	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.3	2.2
9	Variation in the proportion of all people who died with an underlying or contributory cause of dementia (2015)	PHE (NEOLCIN) ONS Monthly Data	2015	11.5	18.4	18.5	17.4	18.0
10	Variation in the proportion of all people who died in their usual place of residence (2015)	PHE (NEOLCIN) ONS Monthly Data	2015	46.0	44.6	44.4	46.7	35.4
11	Variation in the proportion of all people who died in hospital (2015)	PHE (NEOLCIN) ONS Monthly Data	2015	46.7	47.8	46.8	49.6	49.5

# Update from NEOLCIN continued..

## The role of care homes in end of life care

The National End of Life Care Intelligence Network (NEoLCIN) have launched a number of products to inform end of life care planning in the care home setting. These include:

**Briefing 1 - Care home bed provision and potential end of life care need in people aged 75 or older in England.** This presents data that describes the availability of residential and nursing home places together with the older population and the number of deaths.

**Briefing 2 - Place and cause of death for permanent and temporary residents of care homes.** This describes the recent trends in the demographics of people who receive end of life care in a care home.

**Infographic - The role of care homes in end of life care** which summarises the key points from the two briefings.

**Slide set - The role of care homes in end of life care** which includes all the images which have been included in Briefing 1 and 2.

**New domain 'Care home use at end of life' within the End of Life Care Profiles.** A new domain has been added to the End of Life Care Profiles. This includes three new care home indicators: Care home bed rate; Nursing home bed rate and Temporary resident care home deaths. These indicators can be used to explore local trends in this data, make comparisons with neighbours or regions and download maps and area profiles.

Available from the [NEoLCIN website](http://neolcin.phe.gov.uk).



## In the news

### End of life care webinar series - 'Reducing Inequality in End of Life Care for People who are Homeless'- 12 December 2017

NHS England's next webinar will be '[Reducing Inequality in end of life care for people who are homeless](#)', taking place on 12 December 2017 at 1pm. The webinar, aimed at commissioners, providers and clinicians who provide palliative and end of life care will focus on reducing inequality in end of life care for this group. They will explore the barriers that people who are homeless face in receiving end of life care and discuss some examples of good practice. To register for this webinar please use the link above. To find out what other webinars are planned please visit NHS England's [end of life care webpages](#).

### State of Care 2016/17

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) have published the [State of Care 2016/16](#) which is an annual assessment of health and social care in England. The report looks at trends, highlights examples of good and outstanding care, and identifies factors that maintain high-quality care.

### New resource from Compassion in Dying

Compassion in Dying have launched a new resource [What now? Questions to ask after a terminal diagnosis](#). They spoke with more than 600 people living with a terminal illness or caring for someone at the end of life, and found that people are not always given clear information about their condition, appropriate support to make choices or enough opportunities to discuss their care.

### The Institute of Policy and Research produce a briefing report on "Death, Dying and Devolution"

This [report](#) reviews policy areas connected with death, dying and bereavement within the context of devolution, its implications for individuals and for those tasked with organising and running the services that support these groups of people. It sets out the risks and potential for better policy and services associated with death.

### "Findings so far" from personal health budgets and personalisation report in palliative and end of life care (EoLC) now available

This report captures learning from the five test sites that are now examining their experience of using End of Life personal health budgets. The hypothesis is that if an individual and their family are supported earlier in making their choices for EoLC then they will experience better outcomes at EoL. Email: [gina.king1@nhs.net](mailto:gina.king1@nhs.net) for more information.

## Events

### Care of Dying Adults in the last days of life: Improving Care and ensuring adherence to the NICE National Quality Standard

**Monday 15 January 2018** De Vere West One Conference Centre, London

This national conference will look at improving care of the dying adults in the last days of life and ensuring adherence to the national NICE quality standard in practice. Through national updates, and practical case studies the conference will focus on improving care of adults in the last days of life.

For further information and to book your place visit [Healthcare Conferences\\*](#)

### Multimorbidity Summit

**Monday 15 January 2018** De Vere West One Conference Centre, London

The NICE Quality Standard for Multimorbidity was published in June 2017. This National Summit, through national updates and practical case studies looks focuses on implementation in practice.

For further information and to book your place visit [Healthcare Conferences\\*](#)

### Improving End of Life for People with Dementia

**Monday 5 February 2018** De Vere West One Conference Centre, London

Dementia is now the leading cause of death in England and Wales. In England it is estimated that around 676,000 people have dementia. In the whole of the UK, the number of people with dementia is estimated at 850,000. It is therefore essential that we focus on improving end of life care for Dementia. The conference will demonstrate, through national updates and practical case studies how you can improve end of life care for people with dementia in your service.

For further information and to book your place visit [Healthcare Conferences\\*](#)

### Effective Non-Medical Prescribing in End of Life Care

**Monday 26 February 2018** De Vere West One Conference Centre, London

This important national conference provides an essential update for current and aspiring non medical prescribers on prescribing at the end of life. It is widely recognised that pain and symptom control at the end of life is not always optimal, the development of non medical prescribing has a key role in improving pain and symptom control for patients at the end of life.

For further information and to book your place visit [Healthcare Conferences\\*](#)

\*A 20% discount offer is available by quoting ref: **HCUK20NEOLIN** when booking. (Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Full T&Cs available upon request.)

## Events

### APM's Annual Supportive & Palliative Care Conference

**15—16 March 2018**, Bournemouth International Centre, Bournemouth

The Association for Palliative Medicine of Great Britain and Ireland (APM) and the Palliative Care Research Society (PCRS) will be hosting the APM's Annual Supportive and Palliative Care Conference (ASP Conference) in association with the Palliative Care Congress (PCC). The aim of the Conference is to promote evidence-based compassionate care through the presentation and discussion of new research findings, showcasing new approaches to patient care and "state of the art" approaches to common palliative care problems.

For further information visit [ASP Conference](#)

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