



## Welcome

Welcome to the fifth 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.

This month our focus has been on the launch of the Palliative Care Clinical Data Set.

We would like to thank all our colleagues for their help and support over the last year and we look forward to working with you again in 2017.



## Update from NEoLCIN

### Public Health England and NHS England publish an evaluation of the palliative care clinical data set

Public Health England and NHS England have published two new reports; Evaluation report and the Guidance and definitions report on the Palliative Care Clinical Data Set.

These reports present a new voluntary data set for specialist palliative care (SPC) services and the processes which have underpinned its development. They describe the process and its impact on providers on implementing a specialist palliative care clinical data set. The data set supports both the recording of palliative care currencies for commissioning, and the use of Outcome assessment and complexity collaborative (OACC) monitoring tools for driving local improvement of clinical care.

#### Evaluation report

This Evaluation report presents the story of pilot work to collect data about outcomes achieved for individuals by specialist palliative care services. It contains the lessons learned within the project and makes recommendations for the future. Download the report: [Palliative care clinical data set Evaluation report](#)

#### Guidance and definitions

The palliative care clinical data set presented in this document describes a set of data items that can be implemented voluntarily. It specifies the conditions for collecting this data in a way that enables systematic and standardised measurement, analysis and comparison of some of the key outcomes that matter most to people who receive specialist palliative care. Download the report [Palliative care clinical data set Guidance and definitions](#)

Both reports should be read alongside each other.

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## Update from the NEoLCIN continued...

### **We want you to tell us how you support care homes to provide end of life care**

NEoLCIN in collaboration with National Council for Palliative Care, Hospice UK, Marie Curie Palliative Care Research Centre and Cardiff University are working together to find out how care homes are supported to deliver end of life care to residents.

We are conducting a supplementary survey linked to the Minimum Data Set (MDS) for specialist palliative care providers that will increase our understanding of:

- the current geographical spread of services provided by Specialist Palliative Care Units (SPCUs) to adult care homes in England and Wales
- the level of clinical support, education and training provided by SPCUs to adult care homes in England and Wales

The survey closes at 5pm on Monday 23 January 2017.

The survey results will be published in Spring 2017 providing a baseline for future developments across this important area of care.

To take part in the survey please go to <https://cardiff.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/specialist-palliative-care-support-to-care-homes-survey>

### **Clinical Epidemiology Webinar Series**

The NEoLCIN will be hosting two future webinars on end of life care

- An introduction to the End of Life Care Atlas of Variation (22 February)
- NEW Learning Disabilities and End of Life Care (22 March)

The webinars will be live and last for one hour. They will be held between 2 and 3 pm.

You can register your interest using the online booking form:

<https://surveys.phe.org.uk/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=81218o55#>

## In the news

### Enhanced Ambitions for Palliative and End of Life Care website

NHS England and the National Council for Palliative Care have launched the enhanced [Ambitions for Palliative and End of Life Care website](#) - the new go-to place for resources and learning on palliative and end of life care.

In the next phase of development, individuals and organisations will be able to submit resources and tools for uploading to the website. Nicola Spencer, Programme Support Manager for NHS England's End of Life Care Team, was been involved in the development of the site and has written a [blog](#), which explains the development, process and vision of this valuable new resource.

### We Need to Talk about Death

BBC Radio 4 have produced a series of podcasts entitled We Need to Talk About Death. The Podcasts entitled Stand by me, Ease my Pain and Death Itself are available on the [BBC website](#).

### NHS RightCare publish CCG data packs

These [packs](#) contain data on a number of disease areas and elements of care. The pack is split by stages along a long term conditions pathway and enables a local health economy to look at an element, for example disease detection or prescribing, across multiple disease areas. There are a number of new indicators not included in previous packs and they also include case studies, tools and guidance to support CCGs to make improvements to long term conditions care in their local health economy.

### New research by the OPTCare Elderly team

New research by the OPTCare Elderly team from the Cicely Saunders Institute at King's College London finds factors that influence older people's transition to hospital in the last months of life. The [OPTCare Elderly](#) is a joint study between King's College London and Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust and led by Dr Catherine Evans.

The full article is available from the [Wiley Online Library](#).

## Events

### Transforming End of Life Care in Acute Hospitals

**Friday 20 January 2017**, De Vere West One, London

This conference focuses on improving end of life care for people in hospital. Through national updates and learning from the NHS Transform Programme, and case studies demonstrating improvement in practice the conference will support you to meet the six national ambitions for end of life care within hospital, and improve care and outcomes for patients and their families.

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

### End of Life Care: Advanced Legal Issues Masterclass

**Friday 27 January 2017**, De Vere, West One, London

This one-day interactive masterclass will provide healthcare practitioners involved in palliative and elderly care an in-depth knowledge of the legal framework for end of life care. To enable delegates to maximise the benefit from this masterclass, they will need a good understanding of mental capacity, the Mental Health Act, common law framework and best interests. They must also understand the DoLS assessments and process.

For further information visit [Healthcare Conferences](#).

### Who Cares for Carers?

**7 February 2017**, The Guildhall, Derry/Londonderry, Northern Ireland

This conference is aimed at health and social care staff, voluntary community groups and individual carers who have contact with people who have life limiting illnesses and/or palliative care needs. It is focused on helping delegates to better understand the needs of those who are looking after someone at the end of life.

More details and the full programme is available on the National Council for Palliative Care's [website](#).

## Events

### Palliative and End of Life Care: Tackling Variations, Eradicating Inequalities

**Thursday 9 February 2017**, Manchester Conference Centre

This conference aims to confront the inconsistencies and seek to provide the answers to providing standardised, personalised care to everyone, everywhere. The conference will seek to address where and why the anomalies arise in the standards of provision and how equity in access, quality and experience can be achieved for all terminally ill people, across all of society.

For further information contact [Open Forum Events](#)

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

**Friday 24 February 2017**, De Vere West One Conference Centre, London

This conference focuses on the important issue of Nurse/Non Medical Prescribing in End of Life Care. The conference, which includes national updates, extended in depth sessions and case studies will focus on developing your skills as a non medical/nurse prescriber in end of life care.

For further information [Healthcare Conferences](#).

### End of Life Care: Legal Issues Masterclass

**Monday 13 March 2017**, De Vere West One Conference Centre, London

This one-day course will provide healthcare practitioners involved in palliative and elderly care an introduction to the legal framework in which they practice. The day will cover the basic statutory and common law framework that governs how a healthcare professional can treat and care for those at the end of their lives. Through case studies the implications of best interest assessments and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) will be explored.

For further information visit [Healthcare Conferences](#)

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