



## Welcome

Welcome to the sixth 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 developing a health economics tool to support local commissioning decisions in end of life care. This tool has been guided by a review of health economics and palliative and end of life care.

## Update from NEoLCIN

### Cost-effective commissioning of end of life care

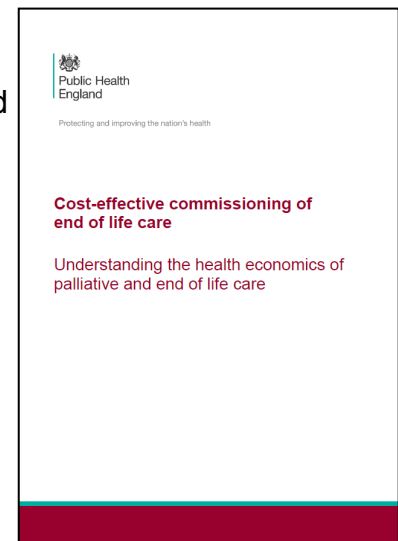
In 2015/16, the Health Economics team in Public Health England (PHE) commissioned a programme of work to enable Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), local authorities, and other decision makers to better understand the economic case for increasing investment in prevention and early intervention. One of the areas that was identified as a priority were the services and care provided to patients who were diagnosed as being or nearing the end of their lives, as a result of a terminal illness.

Today we have published a number of products to support commissioning decisions for end of life care services. These include:

#### **A report ‘Understanding the health economics of palliative and end of life care’.**

The first half of the report presents the findings of a review of the available literature on the costs and effectiveness of different initiatives and schemes designed to improve patients and carers experiences at the end of the patient’s lives. The second half of this report describes the new end of life care economic tool and the methodology underpinning this tool.

**An end of life care analytical tool.** This interactive tool is made up of two components. The first provides a summary of the costs, impacts and wider issues associated with different interventions and services for providing care and support for patients at the end of their lives. The second component enables the user to explore the potential trade-offs associated with shifting resources and activity away from secondary care into primary, community and social care settings.



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## Update from the NEOLCIN continued...

### Cost-effective commissioning of end of life care—continued

**The end of life care analytical tool user guide.** This document provides a step-by-step guide to the end of life care economic tool.

These products will be of great importance for decision-makers. They will help them when they are considering the potential improvement, or indeed the potential decline, in the quality and safety of care, and patient experience, in conjunction with the net financial implication, when considering the implementation of interventions. Moreover, they will assist stakeholders when looking at current capacity of care provision and whether it can adequately cope with a potential influx of primary, community and social care activities for end of life care.

[Download the report, analytical tool and user guide](#)

### 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)

This webinar will introduce our forthcoming publication - The End of Life Care Atlas of Variation. We will explain the importance of this publication, describe the data, and share some of the emerging findings. We will finish by demonstrating how stakeholders might want to use this data and what other data sources and tools they can use alongside the Atlas to inform decision-making.

- **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](#)

### New data added to End of Life Care Profile: Temporary care home indicator

New data has been added to our [End of Life Care Profiles](#). Our indicator on temporary resident care home deaths now has data for the calendar year 2015. You can find this indicator in our domain —‘Care home use at End of Life’.

## In the news

### Evaluation of the End of Life Social Action Fund

The independent evaluation report of the [End of Life Social Action Fund](#) has been published. The fund was launched by the Cabinet Office in 2014, and was evaluated by Lancaster University's International Observatory on End of Life Care and the Institute for Volunteering Research. This report looks at the key findings from the evaluation, and aims to provide lessons for similar interventions in the future.

### e-ELCA update

End of Life Care for All (e-ELCA) from HEE e-Learning for Healthcare has had a number of updates, these include

- the e-LfH hub has been added to the list of [OpenAthens resources](#)
- [care homes and hospices](#) can access e-ELCA for free
- a new session has been added 'Symptom Management for the Dying Audit'

For more information visit their [website](#).

### End of life care must be for the whole family not just the dying child, says NICE in new guidance

NICE have produced new guidance on [End of life care for infants, children and young people with life-limiting conditions: planning and management](#).

### Dying at home or in hospital dependent on wealth, location and number of diseases

Researchers from King's College London's Cicely Saunders Institute have published a new study in BMC Medicine. They studied a national data set of all deaths from two common groups of respiratory diseases - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and Interstitial Pulmonary Diseases (IPD), covering 380,232 people over 14 years. In this study, which was funded by the National Institute for Health Research, the team looked at the impact of a national end of life care strategy to reduce deaths in hospital.

For more information visit the King's College London [website](#).

## 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](#).

### Getting Real About the National Commitment

**Friday 10 March 2017**, London

In July 2016 the Government made a new National Commitment on end of life care. This was the most comprehensive and significant policy announcement for palliative and end of life care since the 2008 strategy, and will affect work across end of life care. The National Council for Palliative Care's conference: Getting Real About the National Commitment is the first conference looking at this in detail. A mixture of keynote speakers and workshops will help you respond to the National Commitment both now and in the coming years. More information can be found on [NCPC's website](#).

### 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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