

National Headliners

Ambitions for Palliative and End of Life Care: A national framework for local action 2015-2020, is aimed at local health and social care and community leaders. It builds on the Department of Health's 2008 Strategy for End of Life Care, and responds to an increased emphasis on local decision making in the delivery of palliative and end of life care services.

The framework sets out six ambitions, which are principles for how care for those nearing death should be delivered at local level:

- 01 Each person is seen as an individual
- 02 Each person gets fair access to care
- 03 Maximising comfort and wellbeing
- 04 Care is coordinated
- 05 All staff are prepared to care
- 06 Each community is prepared to help

Download the Ambitions [here](#)

End-of-life care in the UK has been ranked as the best in the world with a study praising the quality and availability of services. The rankings were worked out following assessments for the quality of the hospitals and hospice environments, staffing numbers and skills, affordability of care and quality of care. Read more [here](#)

NHS England launches an 'end of life care community' within its Code4Health programme. They are very keen to hear from colleagues and individuals who have particular interest and skills to offer in community EoLC.

Palliative Care Co-ordination: core content. On 18 September, the Health and Social Care Information Centre published a revised information standard '[Palliative Care Co-ordination: core content](#)' previously called 'End of Life Care Co-ordination: core content'. The standard aims to improve the co-ordination of care through better communication of people's wishes and preferences for care at the end of life.

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It specifies the core content to be held in [Electronic Palliative Care Co-ordination Systems](#)

Regional Updates

Further Quality Improvement Methodology training: [Health Education South West](#) (HESW) working in partnership with [SW-SCN](#) has agreed to fund two more 2-Day Quality Improvement Methodology workshops this financial year led by Tricia Woodhead who works for the [Academic Health Science Network](#). Dates and venues to be determined and announced, for more information email liz.rees@westonhospicecare.org.uk

End of Life Care Facilitators and Champions Network is supported by NHS Improving Quality. The Centre of End of Life Studies (CELS), University of Hull hosts the facilitators and Champions network. The network now has over 850 registered members and welcomes all those working across the health and care sector who have a shared interest in improving care and support for people at the end of their life including clinicians, commissioners, managers, health and social care workers, as well as care providers. [Find out more along with details on how to become a member.](#)

Uniform clinical guidance on anticipatory prescribing has been produced by **BNSSG** with the help of St Peter's Hospice, local clinicians and Bristol CCG. The aim of this is to ensure common symptoms in the last days of life are anticipated and treated, and that appropriate 'just in case' medications are prescribed and stored ready for use in the patients home. There is a unified drug chart which can be issued by primary or secondary care, with information on prescribing for common symptoms. It was nominated for an HSJ Award this year and relevant information on the guidance and standardised drug chart can be found via this [link](#).

To find out what's happening in the South West by accessing the SWSCN EoL Web Page via this [link](#) or contact gina.king1@nhs.net

Working together in partnership to improve quality and care in End of Life in the South West