

## National Headliners



**New learning sessions** have been mapped to the learning objectives of the 'One Chance to Get it Right' report of the Leadership Alliance for Care of the Dying Person in 2014. A new training needs analysis [session](#) will help you identify your strengths and weaknesses and direct you to e-ELCA sessions to support your development. For more information, please visit the updated [e-ELCA website](#)

**Public Health England's National End of Life Intelligence Network** has published a new [report](#) for end of life care. It focuses on priorities for future improvements to data and intelligence that were identified by over 700 participants across nine SCNs.



**NHS Improving Quality End of Life Care Team is commissioning** the independent evaluation of the **EPaCCS** work. They would be pleased to hear from you if you have examples where EPaCCS has impacted positively on carers and their families, or if you have particular challenges where you might like help or support. If you would like to feature in the evaluation please get in touch at [wendy.gray@nhs.uk](mailto:wendy.gray@nhs.uk)

The [National Information Board Work Stream Road Maps](#) was published on the 1 October [Work stream 2.1](#) is in particular relevant and on page 10 you will see EPaCCS mentioned in the third bullet point.

**The Government response to the Health Select Committee report on end of life care** sets out what has been done recently to improve end of life care that include:

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- the [5 priorities for the care of the dying person](#)
- the Care Quality Commission's inspection regime
- publication of the [choice review](#) and [ambitions for palliative and end of life care](#)

## Regional Updates

**Health Education South West working in partnership with SW-SCN** have supplied additional workforce development funding within the priority areas identified by the EoL Expert Reference Group. **Additional opportunities** are available to attend funded Quality Improvement Methodology training, EoLC training aimed specifically for homeless support workers, or for ACP, consent and Mental Capacity Act at EoL. Dates and venues to be determined and announced, for more information and register your interest, email [Liz Rees](mailto:Liz.Rees@hewsw.nhs.uk) HESW's EoLC Education & Training Project Manager



Care and support through terminal illness

launched the **Companion Volunteer Service** with Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton in 2014 to bring their work into a new setting. A key challenge for the Trust and its staff is supporting those patients who die in hospital and their families. Patients in this setting may die alone or have little company. Some may have family present, but they can often feel overwhelmed and isolated themselves. The Companions can offer respite support, but more often they provide a listening ear to patients and families alike, enhancing the end of life care they receive at the hospital. If you want to find out more about the service please get in touch with [Julia Bearn](#), Project Manager for Marie Curie Companions

**To find out what's happening in the South West by accessing the [SWSCN EoL Web Page](#) or contact [Gina King](#) Quality Improvement Lead for EoLC**

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