

National Headliners



GMC & GSF - New Course for Doctors
GSF are running a new pilot programme as a short course on End of Life Care for both hospital doctors and GPs in 2016. Please contact [The GSF Centre](#) for further details.

Transforming end of life care in Acute Hospitals - the newly revised route to success "how to guide" was released at the successful conference on the 18th November in London



Evaluation sites - Electronic Palliative Care Coordination Systems (EPaCCS)



NHSIQ (which from 1 November 2015 has become NHSE Sustainable Improvement Team) has commissioned [Whole Systems Partnership](#) (WSP) to carry out an independent evaluation of [EPaCCS](#).

The key criteria which will be tested in the evaluation are:

- The experience of patients and carers using EPaCCS including the contribution that technology and improved systems play in achieving this;
- The extent to which people have been able to die in their location of choice;
- The economic benefit of EPaCCS to the local health and social care system.

Information and intelligence from "mature", "transitional" and "control" sites will be used in the evaluation. Gloucestershire, Somerset and Cornwall have been identified as potential sites.

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Regional Updates

The Maternity & Children's Strategic Clinical Network (SCN) has had children's palliative care as a local priority since July 2013. We have a SW wide working group consisting of third sector palliative care provider organisations, commissioners and acute trusts.

The SCN has joined with a practitioners' network supported by [Together for Short Lives](#) to enable a wider membership and spread of work. The priorities set by the group have been to develop children's palliative care core standards that meet family expectations by using family focus groups. These standards have been developed and are now being progressed into a 'dashboard' to enable all providers to self-assess, using a simple **Red Amber Green** (RAG) score.

The SCN children's palliative care network works together with the SCN EoL expert reference group to ensure a joined up approach to ensure that young people when transferring to adult services are well prepared for a structured and safe transition period. Contact [Jennie Shine](#)

Free One Day Quality Improvement Methodology Training - learn to outline quality improvement in proposals and manage improvement measures and evidence gathering:
Tuesday 12th January-Mercure Hotel, Exeter **OR**
Thursday 28th January-Mercure Hotel, Bristol.
For booking details contact [Liz Rees](#)

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End of Life Care

The South West is one of the highest performing regions in terms of end of life care in England, against current indicators. The SWSCN's End of Life programme builds on the legacy of the South West End of Life Network. The new programme was established following a priority setting planning conference, attended by over 80 clinicians and commissioners, held in April 2014.

How does the end of life programme work?

An Expert Reference Group has been set up to act as a steering group monitoring progress. It meets quarterly, the first meeting was held in July 2014.

Elections to appoint clinical leads were held in summer 2015, for a term of one year using funding from the National End of Life and Palliative Care programme. The new appointments are:

Dr Kate Rush who is now the Clinical Network Lead Community End of Life Care

Dr Susanna Hill who is now the Clinical Network lead emergency care/urgent care

Electronic Palliative Care Coordination Systems

DNACPR

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Upcoming End of Life Care Events

There are no upcoming events at this time.

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

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