

Palliative Care Policy into Practice
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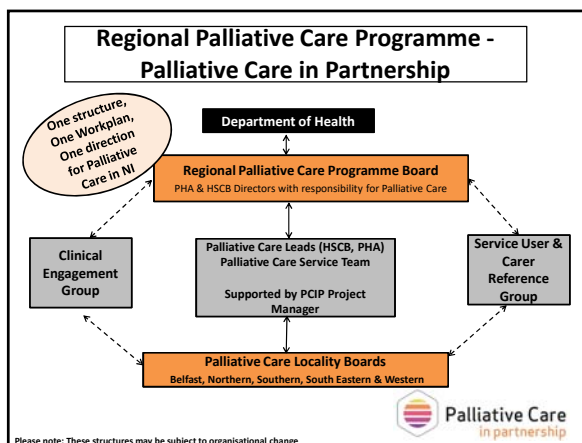
Dame Cecily Saunders, founder of the modern Hospice movement, said:

"You matter because you are you, and you matter to the end of your life. We will do all we can not only to help you die peacefully, but also to live until you die."

"How people die remains in the memory of those who live on."




One structure, One Workplan, One direction for Palliative Care in NI






Projected Deaths and Palliative Care Need in Northern Ireland

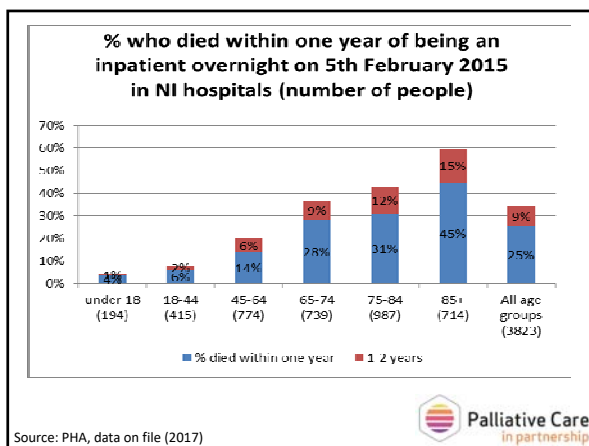
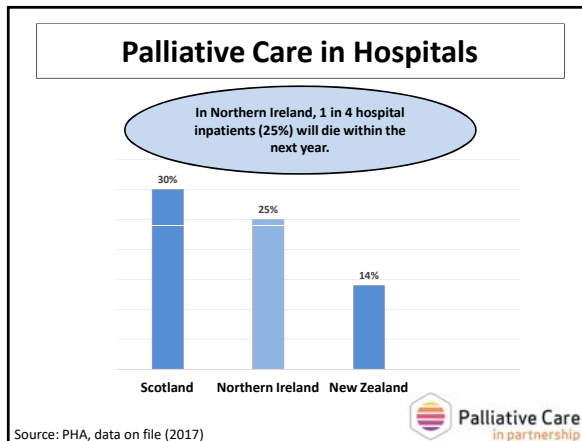
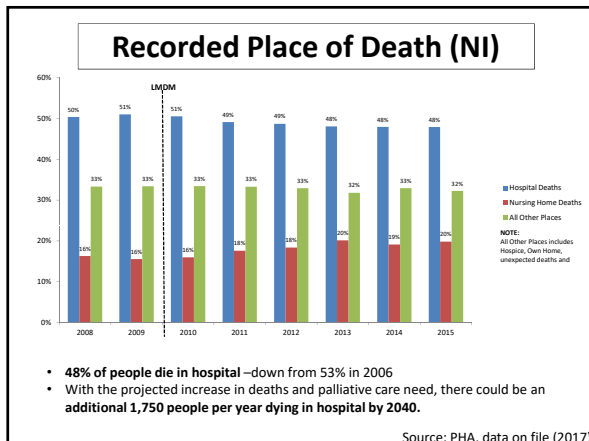
	2016	2020	2030	2040
Deaths all ages (NISRA projected)	15,401	15,800	17,750	20,261
Projected Palliative Care Need*	11,551	11,850	13,313	15,196

* Using 75% of all deaths (Gomez and Batiste et al)

The Palliative Care Need of our population will **increase by 31%** by 2040!



Source: PHA, data on file (2017)



2016 Regional Palliative Care Work Plan

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- Allocated a **keyworker**
- Have the opportunity to discuss and record their **advance care planning** decisions
- Be supported with appropriate generalist and **specialist palliative care services** to die in their preferred of care (where appropriate)

Priorities → Identification Keyworker Advance Care Planning Specialist Palliative Care Services

Good practice tools and guidance

2018 Palliative Care in Partnership Programme

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- Bereavement**

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Regional best practice tools and guidance
Communication
Public Health Approach to Palliative Care

PCIP PRIORITY 1 IDENTIFICATION: Why is it important?

- Around **15,000 people die each year** in Northern Ireland
- Estimated **11,250 of those could benefit** from palliative care approach
- Given the choice, most people want to be cared for and die at 'home'
- 47% of people in NI die in hospital each year** and it is estimated that **40% of those have no clinical reason to do so**

Identification

- To improve identification of people with palliative and end of life care needs. Aim 1% of the population

QoF Palliative Care Registers for NI GP Practices

Prevalence	Number of GP Practices 2016	Number of GP Practice 2017
Less than 0.25%	196	216
0.26 – 0.50%	104	92
0.51 - 0.75%	35	22
0.76 – 1.00%	7	9
Above 1%	5	5
Total number of practices:	347	341

Source: Department of Health (2017)

Early Identification Prototype aims:

- Improve identification of people who could benefit from a palliative care approach
- Build local relationships and capability to enable healthcare professionals to deliver palliative care at 'home'
- Support people to live well for longer in their own 'home'
- Enable people to plan and consider their end of life choices – **Advance Care Planning**
- Avoid crisis situations which lead to poor quality of life or an avoidable hospital admission

EIP is based on the findings from 2 previous projects..

LOTHIAN EARLY IDENTIFICATION PROJECT (2015)

Edinburgh University & Marie Curie

Method: Developed a computer based algorithm (based on SPICT indicators) to search primary care records and identify patients who may be suitable for a palliative care approach and who were not already on the Palliative Care Register.

Findings: Clinicians judged that 30-60% of the patients identified by the algorithm could benefit from a palliative care approach.

Algorithm used became **Anticipal app**

In 2015 Mason, Boyd, Murray showed it is possible to significantly improve the identification of patients for palliative care needs assessment using a computerised search (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4529731/>) and, this year have presented new findings that GP practices can use computer searching to generate lists of patients for review and care planning (<https://bjgp.org/content/early/2018/03/26/bjgp18X695729>)

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PENINSULA PROJECT (2014-15)

South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust

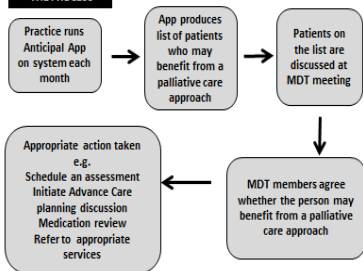
Method: Piloted monthly practice MDT meetings to discuss and proactively plan for patients who would benefit from a palliative care approach with a view to improving patient experience and avoiding unnecessary hospital admissions.

Findings: 81% of patients received palliative care in their place of choice, 57% reduction in emergency hospital admissions.

Source : HSCB

Early Identification Prototype

THE PROCESS



POSSIBLE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

- Add to Palliative Care Register
- Start Key Information Summary
- Allocate Palliative Care Keyworker
- Initiate Advance Care Planning discussions
- DNACPR / ADRT discussions
- Discuss with Specialist professional (if involved in current care)
- Schedule visit for assessment
- Refer for review by Social Work/ AHP
- Refer to Specialist Palliative Care Team
- Consider referral to other support services – e.g. respite, sitting services
- Medication reviews


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D1 I suggest moving the slide that defines QoF before this as you use the QoF acronym here
Dominic, 22/01/2018

Early identification Prototype: Moving forward

- Prototype currently running in 46 GP practices using Vision system
- Initially 6 months – with Transformation funding able to extend to 9 months (to Mar 19)
- Collate & evaluate findings, refine Local Enhanced Service accordingly
- Plans to enable AnticiPal on EMIS clinical systems
- Recruit up to 100 additional practices for Phase 2 (2019/20)

Palliative Care Keyworker:




Definition: 'The palliative care keyworker is an identified individual with responsibility for **planning and co-ordinating care** for patients who (as a minimum) have been identified as likely to be in their last year of life. This should include **co-ordinating care across interfaces** (within and between professionals, teams and care settings) and promoting continuity of care.'


4 operational elements of the keyworker function:

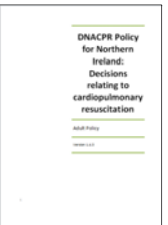
- Identification
- Contact & co-ordinating care
- Care in the last weeks/days of life
- Bereavement follow up

In the community the Keyworker agreed regionally as **'typically the District Nurse'** – role shared with registered nurse for Nursing Home residents.

Advance Care Planning:








Communicating wishes and preferences to other care providers through:

- **Advance Care Planning Summary**
- **Key Information Summary**

Specialist Palliative Care Services:

Specialist Palliative Care for 'complex and unresolved needs':

- Fatigue
- Breathlessness
- Anxiety
- Unintentional weight loss
- Dysphagia
- Communication Difficulties
- Lymphoedema
- Emotional & psychological needs



Specialist Palliative Care Workforce Review currently underway, looking at the SPC Professionals to meet the population needs to 2024 and associated training requirements.

Regionally agreed Palliative Care Tools & Guidance

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPICe: Supportive & Palliative Care Indicators Tool • ELCOS 2017 • Prompts to aid ELCOS • Palliative Care Aide Memoire (based on NISAT) • Palliative Care Keyworker Role & Function • Your Life, Your Choices- Plan ahead • Advance Care Planning Summary • Specialist Palliative Care Referral Guidance & Service Directory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NICE NG31: Care of dying adults in the last days of life • RPMG End of Life Guidance (2018) • PANG: Palliative Care Adult Network Guidelines • Management of Symptoms in Palliative Care: Role of SPC AHPs <p>Awaiting approval/ updating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNACPR Policy for NI • Revision Advance Care Planning Operational Guidance for Healthcare professionals
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What I Have observed about how research can be translated to Policy and Practice

- Influence with Heart and the Head
- Engage early
- New knowledge is important but need to align to current priorities and work
- Timing
- Its all about the people!

Thank you
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