

# Transforming Your Palliative and End of Life Care Update

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The Transforming Your Palliative and End of Life Care programme is an initiative of Marie Curie and the Health and Social Care Board which is supported by the Public Health Agency.

Transforming Your Palliative and End of Life Care is based on the Delivering Choice Programme approach which has been used in 19 sites across the UK where it has contributed to improved experiences for people with palliative and end of life care needs and their families.

Much good work is already underway to support people living with a progressive illness, for which they will not be cured and which may limit or shorten their life, and to support their families.

The Transforming Your Palliative and End of Life Care programme team is supporting partnership working among all those with an interest in palliative care to look at how best to broaden this care and to consider potentially new ways of providing palliative and end of life care at home or as close to home as possible, as appropriate.

## Partnerships

The Transforming Your Palliative and End of Life Care programme will run for two years up to August 2015 and will support the implementation of the recommendations in the Living Matters: Dying Matters - A Palliative and End of Life Care Strategy for Adults in Northern Ireland.

It will also support a key principle of Transforming Your Care that care should be provided at home or as close to home as possible, where this is safe and appropriate, and will work closely with colleagues in Integrated Care Partnerships to support these initiatives.

Placing the person with palliative care needs at the centre, this programme seeks to be informed by and involve those who require palliative care and their families and carers. One of the programme's key aspects is its partnership approach.

### Transforming Your Palliative and End of Life Care Programme aim:

- To support the redesign and delivery of coordinated services to enable people across Northern Ireland with palliative and end of life care needs to have choice in their preferred place of care.



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The programme team is supporting partnership working among statutory, voluntary and independent healthcare providers alongside wider carer and community interest.

A Regional Steering Group is helping to drive the programme forward. This group is chaired by Pat Cullen, Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals, Public Health Agency, who is the project’s Senior Responsible Owner, with Heather Weir, Marie Curie Divisional General Manager Northern Ireland, being the programme sponsor.

There is cross-sector representation for six programme boards – five across Northern Ireland’s geography: Belfast, Northern, South Eastern, Southern and Western; and a regional hospice group looking at a day hospice model. Chairs of locality programme boards are members of the Regional Steering Group.

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The programme team has been undertaking data gathering and scoping with key colleagues in healthcare and relevant agencies. In the context of a high level literature review undertaken by the programme team, an opportunity was provided for each locality board to identify issues to be considered to improve the palliative care experience. These issues will be analysed in the light of service improvements and ongoing work, with a view to identifying gaps. This will assist in bringing a focus to identifying potential ways (options) of addressing the gaps. Arrangements are being confirmed for events to be held in the coming weeks to gather ideas and views on what could be developed to address the gaps identified.

**To find out more about these events, or the work of the programme, please contact Naomi Davidson on [Naomi.davidson@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:Naomi.davidson@mariecurie.org.uk) or 02890 882081**

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