



The Ultimate Choice?

Challenges in End of Life & Supportive Care

Wednesday 30th April 2008

Armada House, Bristol

Over half-a-million adults die each year in England and Wales, of these about 37% die from Circulatory Disease and 26% from Cancer. The Department of Health is preparing to launch its End of Life Care Strategy in June 2008, the aim of which will be to ensure that high quality care is provided at the end of life for all patients, irrespective of diagnosis and reduce the mismatch between people's preferences for where they should die and their actual place of death.

This joint event between the Avon, Somerset and Wiltshire Cancer Network and the Avon, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Somerset Cardiac and Stroke Network will focus on the provision of End of Life Care for Cancer, Cardiac and Stroke patients. The event will include presentations from teams across the network areas giving examples of the delivery of quality end of life care and provide an opportunity to share best practice, exchange views and discuss the key challenges in improving services, including the delivery of choice.

The conference is aimed at all those involved in commissioning and providing end of life care to enable both health care professionals and the patient and patient's family to be better prepared for the eventual last few days of life. Speakers at the conference include Dr James Beattie, joint National Clinical Lead for Supportive and Palliative Care for the Heart Improvement Programme and Karen Burfitt, Project Manager, Marie Curie Delivering Choice Programme in Somerset.

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Provisional Agenda

9.15 – 9.45	Registration & Coffee	
9.45 – 9.55	Welcome/Introduction	Sarah Whitfield Chief Executive, Dorothy House Hospice
9.55 – 10.15	National Perspective on End of Life Care	Dr James Beattie National Clinical Lead for Supportive and Palliative Care, Heart Improvement Programme
10.15 – 10.35	Advance Care Planning	Dr Julian Abel Palliative Care Consultant Weston Area Health Trust and Weston Hospice Care
10.35 – 10.55	Marie Curie Delivering Choice	Karen Burfitt Project Manager, Marie Curie Delivering Choice Programme - Somerset
10.55 – 11.15	Gloucestershire Heart Failure Service	Annie MacCallum Head of CVD and Heart Failure Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust
11.15 – 11.30	Break	
11.30 – 11.50	End of Life Care for Arrhythmia Patients	Jenny Tagney Cardiac Nurse Consultant Bristol Royal Infirmary
11.50 – 12.10	Wiltshire Heart Failure Service	Cheryl Harding & Brenda Packer Heart Failure Service Wiltshire Primary Care Trust
12.10 – 12.30	End of Life Care in Stroke	Dr Lindsey Dow Consultant Geriatrician/Stroke Physician Royal United Hospital, Bath
12.30 – 1.00	Speaker Questions	
1.00 – 2.00	Lunch	
2.00 – 3.00	Group Discussions/Workshops	
3.00 – 3.10	Break	
3.10 – 3.40	Feedback on Discussions	
3.40 - 3.50	Close	Sarah Whitfield Chief Executive, Dorothy House Hospice

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