Network News
Commissioned by the Greater Manchester, Lancs and South Cumbria Network as it was when this project started, a new bereavement services directory is now available on our North West Coast website detailing support available across Lancashire and South Cumbria, as well as Greater Manchester and Eastern Cheshire.

Resources
NICE Quality standard [QS144] Care of dying adults in the last days of life
Published on 2nd March 2017, this quality standard covers the clinical care of adults (aged 18 and over) who are dying, during the last 2 to 3 days of life. It describes high quality care in priority areas for improvement. It does not cover care before the last few days of life, such as palliative care or ‘end of life care’ (often defined as care during the last year or so of a progressive disease), or care after death. For more information on further NICE standards please visit their website.

Dr Katherine Knighting, Senior Research fellow at Edge Hill University, writes about using the Carers’ Alert Thermometer to identify and triage the needs of family carers supporting people living with motor neurone disease. Following two workshops with a Regional Development Manager, Regional Care Development Advisers and volunteers who are called MND Association Visitors (AVs), the CAT was adapted for use by the volunteers who support people living with MND and their family carers.

National Hospice Education Collaborative (NHEC) aims to see UK hospices realise their full potential as local education and training delivery partners within their communities, to support the practice of high quality palliative and supportive care. For more information or to join the NHEC visit their website.

The Law Commission’s report Mental Capacity and Deprivation of Liberty was published today. In it we recommend that the DoLS should be replaced with a new scheme, which we have called the Liberty Protection Safeguards. You can find our final report (which includes the draft Bill), as well as the other project documents here. The report and draft Bill will now be considered by Government.

Cost-effective commissioning of end of life care - The Health Economics team in PHE have published a report and accompanying economic tool on services and care provided to patients who were diagnosed as being or nearing the end of their lives, as a result of a terminal illness. The report brings together existing evidence in palliative and end of life care, describes the wider policy context of palliative care and end of life care, and outlines some of the key initiatives supporting the end of life care in England.

CHAIN (contact, help advice and information network) has added a number of links to websites relating to dementia and dementia research. View the resources, or join CHAIN to receive updates.

Shifting the balance of care: Great expectations
This research draws on an extensive literature review to assess the realism of the narrative that moving care out of hospital will save money. It explores five key areas: elective care, urgent and emergency care, admission avoidance and easier discharge, at risk populations, and self-care.

Dying Matters Week #whatcanyoudo
Dying Matters Week this year is 8th – 12 May 2017. If you have any events planned please let me know and as we would like to coordinate an events calendar.

Art of Dying Art Exhibition: The Hospitals, Hospices, Schools (and more) in the Greater Manchester and Eastern Cheshire areas have been working to produce art on the theme ‘Dying Matters’. All the art will be displayed at the Whitworth in a virtual gallery with the ten pieces of Art that attract the most votes being physically displayed at the Whitworth Art Gallery in The Art of Dying exhibition, as part of the celebration event on the 11th May 2017.
Education
End of Life Care Core Skills Education and Training Framework' now available

This framework expands on the ‘Common core principles and competences for social care and health workers working with adults at the end of life’ outlining the knowledge and skills needed to support people at the end of life in more detail. It’s for everyone working in adult social care and health, as well as members of the public – including those accessing end of life care. It aims to promote community development and asset-based approaches to education and training, considering the strengths, abilities and potential of communities in supporting end of life care. Download the ‘End of life care core skills education and training framework’.

Homeward Bound is a play that shares the true story of a cancer journey. The play has been written as an educational resource to give people the opportunity to reflect on the importance of compassionate person and family centred care at the end of life and to help individuals to understand how little things mean a lot to the person who is dying and to their family. The workbook and DVD can be purchased via the NCPC website.

A programme of education sessions for registered staff working in East Cheshire is being offered through East Cheshire Hospice. Please see the attached timetable for more information and how to apply.

Surveys/Consultations/Events/Opportunities

UK Hospices are invited to take part in The Big Get Together campaign this summer. Hospices in the south east are inviting all UK hospices to get involved with The Big Get Together campaign in 2017. Following a successful pilot by 13 hospices in 2016, this community fundraising campaign is now open to all UK hospices. Launching in the summer and open until Christmas, The Big Get Together provides a platform for local hospices to ask their own supporters to hold a social fundraising event of their choice.

Together for Short Lives has launched a new Transition Awards Programme which will fund innovative projects supporting young people with life-limiting conditions as they move from children’s to adult services.

NHSE EoL webinar 4: Hospital Quality Improvement Issues

Tuesday, 4th April 2017; 1 – 2 pm featuring information and case studies on topics such as: Finding EoLC patients in hospitals; an overview of the Gold Standard Framework in hospitals and there will be chance to hear some learning in action examples. There are limited places available on this Webinar and you will need to register to attend.

Please find attached a request for your input to a research project being conducted by Dr Erica Borgstrom, looking at the use of care plans since the removal of the Liverpool Care Pathway (LCP). Dr Bergstrom would like to find out about developments in your areas since the LCP was withdrawn. Please contact Dr Borgstrom Erica.borgstrom@open.ac.uk directly by close of play Thursday, 13th April with your responses.

2017 marks 50 years since the foundation of the modern hospice approach by Dame Cicely Saunders. Radical change: A blueprint for the next 50 years of dying – to be held on Friday, 12th May in London, this conference celebrates 50 years of the hospice movement, whilst simultaneously recognizing that society, care services, the public and professionals will all need to work quite differently to ensure that people die well in the future.

NICE Annual Conference 18th – 19th May will be held in Liverpool this year to discuss the challenges being faced by the health and care sector. Understand the ways in which NICE and other key partner organisations can provide support, guidance and tools for high quality, integrated care.

NCPC’s twitter campaign commissioned by NHS England is now running #Knowaboutme to encourage and support record sharing.

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