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### **Seasons Greetings**

The trustees and staff of NCPC would like to wish all our subscribers, partners and stakeholders a very merry Christmas! We have achieved a great deal in 2007, not least celebrating our 15<sup>th</sup> birthday, and look forward to busy and prosperous 2008. We have an exciting programme of conferences and events in the coming months, please see below some important dates for your diary in 2008.

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### **Minimum Data Sets - 2006/07 Report Published**

NCPC has just published the *Minimum Data Sets Project Update for 2006/07*, which is the annual national survey of Patient Activity Data for Specialist Palliative Care Services. NCPC's MDS Report is the UK's only continuous source of data from both NHS and voluntary sector palliative care services. The full MDS Report for 2006/07 is available for subscribers only to download in the Online Library of our website at [www.ncpc.org.uk](http://www.ncpc.org.uk)

The new updated Minimum Data Sets for 2008/09 have now been launched and are available on our website. Services should begin collecting data using the new forms from April 2008. Visit [www.ncpc.org.uk/policy\\_unit/mds/index.html](http://www.ncpc.org.uk/policy_unit/mds/index.html) for more details.

The *MDS Project Update* will be sent to NCPC subscribers this week. Non-subscribers can buy online at [www.ncpc.org.uk/publications](http://www.ncpc.org.uk/publications) or from Jenny Thurston: 020 7697 1520 or [j.thurston@ncpc.org.uk](mailto:j.thurston@ncpc.org.uk)

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## **Palliative Care & Dementia: Moving Forward in Partnership - 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008**

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008, NCPC is holding a national conference to explore how the Palliative Care needs of people with dementia might best be addressed.

The conference aims to:

Understand more about palliative care in dementia and why it is needed

Learn about NCPC's new dementia project and its aims

Listen to the views of people with dementia (and their carers) about their palliative care needs

Share learning from notable local practice

Consider how this learning is relevant to your own practice

The afternoon session includes a round table discussion which will allow delegates to share their own experiences and learn directly from others.

Download a programme and booking form from [www.ncpc.org.uk/events/palldementia.html](http://www.ncpc.org.uk/events/palldementia.html) or Rana for more details: 020 7697 1520 or [m.rana@ncpc.org.uk](mailto:m.rana@ncpc.org.uk)

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## **Area & Country Forum - 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

NCPC's next Area & Country Forum takes place on 29<sup>th</sup> January at the UCU conference centre in London. It is an opportunity for leads from the Cancer and Cardiac Networks to meet with NCPC's Area representatives and discuss the latest local and national issues in palliative care. NCPC is keen for as many networks as possible to attend this free forum, and it's not too late for your local network to send a representative.

Contact Matt Lloyd for more details: 020 7697 1520 or [m.lloyd@ncpc.org.uk](mailto:m.lloyd@ncpc.org.uk)

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## **Making it Happen: Using the Mental Capacity Act to improve End of Life Care - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

This national conference is designed to show you how the Mental Capacity Act can help you improve care for individual people by giving you practical examples from a range of perspectives. This conference will bring government strategy, legislation and existing tools together and will explain how they fit together to drive up improvements in care. It will include sessions on the Mental Capacity Act, Advance Care Planning and the forthcoming End of Life Care strategy.

Download a programme and booking form from [www.ncpc.org.uk/events](http://www.ncpc.org.uk/events) or contact Mridu Rana for more details: 020 7697 1520 or [m.rana@ncpc.org.uk](mailto:m.rana@ncpc.org.uk)

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## **Subscriber Forum - 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

NCPC's Annual Subscriber Forum takes place on 12<sup>th</sup> March at Park Crescent Conference Centre, London. There will be a review of NCPC's activities over the last 12 months, and a look forward to the next year's plans and priorities. The Subscriber Forum is free to attend for subscribers, but places are limited, and will be allocated on a first-come first served basis. The Forum is followed by a meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Hospice & Palliative Care Group, which will be addressed by Health Minister Ivan Lewis MP. A full programme will be available in the New Year.

Contact Matt Lloyd to register your interest: 020 7697 1520 or [m.lloyd@ncpc.org.uk](mailto:m.lloyd@ncpc.org.uk)

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## **Dying with Difficulty: Meeting the Palliative and End of Life Care Needs of People with Multiple Conditions - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008**

This conference aims to identify some of the issues services face in meeting the palliative and end of life care needs of people with multiple conditions and to explore the issue from both the carer's and patient's perspective. It will provide examples of good practice so that services can learn from each other.

Download a programme and booking form from [www.ncpc.org.uk/events](http://www.ncpc.org.uk/events) or contact Mridu Rana for more details: 020 7697 1520 or [m.rana@ncpc.org.uk](mailto:m.rana@ncpc.org.uk)

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