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Palliative Care and Dementia Moving Forward in Partnership

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INTRODUCTION

- **Summarise key issues**
- **Describe NCPC's dementia project**
- **Outline early findings**

KEY ISSUES

- **Increase in number of older people**
- **Number of people with dementia is very marked**

Year	Number
2006	683,597
2010	738,886
2050	1,700,000

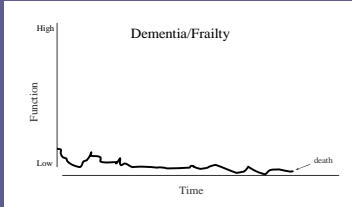
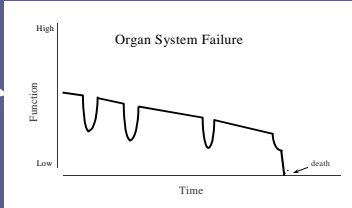
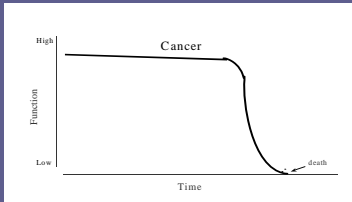
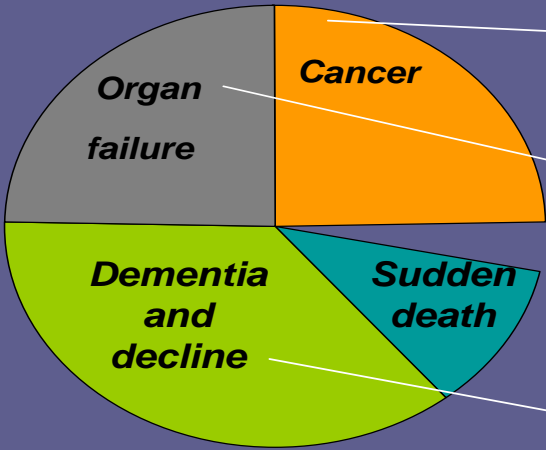
Source: Alzheimer's Society, 2007

KEY ISSUES

- From GSF, GP will have 7/20 deaths due to dementia, frailty and decline
- Difficult disease trajectory

KEY ISSUES

Illness trajectories



NCPC's DEMENTIA PROJECT

- **Purpose**
 - to promote increased and better quality palliative care for people with dementia
- **Two year funding**
 - Lloyds TSB Foundation
- **Admiral Nurse secondment**
 - from 'for dementia'

NCPC's DEMENTIA PROJECT

- **Objectives**

- map current services
- highlight gaps
- understand user and carer needs
- identify and share notable practice
- develop practical guidance

**OBJECTIVE – mapping services
and highlighting gaps**

- **Organisation of palliative care for people with dementia is characterised by fragmentation**
- **Access to palliative care services is variable**
- **Evidence of inappropriate admission to acute hospitals**

OBJECTIVE – understanding user and carer needs

- **Our approach**
- **Five essential areas**
- **Physical needs not met**

OBJECTIVE – identifying notable practice

- **Examples from different care settings**
 - nursing home example – Vale House, Oxford
- **Developing work**

OBJECTIVE – developing guidance

- **Three NCPC dementia publications**
 - Exploring Palliative Care
 - Progress with Dementia
 - Creative Partnerships

CONCLUSION

- **Key issues**
- **NCPC's dementia project**
- **Early findings**
- **Next stage – to explore further, evaluate and share!**