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| **NCPC Inaugural Awards - nominations close this Friday**Nominations are open for four more days for the inaugural [NCPC awards](http://www.ncpc.org.uk/event/inaugural-ncpc-annual-two-day-conference-and-awards).The awards will recognise outstanding commitment, care and support to end of life care across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. These will be the only awards dedicated to recognising people from across the health and social care sector who made a real difference to improving the experience of end of life care during 2015. There will be four award categories:* **Bereavement project of the year** - Recognising innovative projects supporting people in bereavement
* **Dying Matters Awareness Initiative of the year** - Recognising events and activities raising awareness of the importance of talking about dying, death and bereavement
* **End of life care champion(s) of the year** - Recognising an individual or team's contribution to end of life care at a local or national level
* **Effective coordination of care award** - Recognising effective person-centred coordination of end of life care – *Sponsored by Christies Care*

Winners will be announced at NCPC's [Flagship conference](http://www.ncpc.org.uk/event/inaugural-ncpc-annual-two-day-conference-and-awards), *An ambitious new world: building the future for palliative and end of life care,* which takes place on 23rd-24th March 2016.[B](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS)[ack to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **New NICE guideline on caring for dying adults**The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has published its [new guideline](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng31) on care of dying adults in the last days of life.The guideline is intended for health and social care staff, commissioners and unpaid carers of people at the end of life. It covers the clinical care of adults (18 years and over) during the last 2 to 3 days of life.It includes recommendations on:* recognising when people are entering the last few days of life
* communicating and shared decision-making
* clinically assisted hydration
* medicines for managing symptoms
* anticipatory prescribing

NCPC's Chief Executive, Claire Henry, has [commented](http://www.ncpc.org.uk/news/ncpc-welcomes-new-nhs-guideline-delivering-optimum-end-life-care) on the new guideline.[Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **New NICE guideline on transition to community care**The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has also published a new[guideline](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/NG27) on the transition between inpatient hospital settings and community or care homes for adults with social care needs. The guideline includes recommendations on:* person-centred care and communication and information sharing
* what should happen before admission to hospital, including developing a care plan and explaining what type of care the person might receive
* discharge from hospital including the role of the discharge coordinator

In October 2015 NCPC published a [report](http://www.ncpc.org.uk/publication/getting-serious-about-prevention-enabling-people-stay-out-hospital-end-life) on enabling people to stay out of hospital at the end of life, which includes recommendations to help ensure that people in hospital are transferred to a community setting as early as possible. [Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **Consultation on NICE guideline for supportive and palliative care in adults**The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence is inviting comments on the [draft scope](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-cgwave0799/consultation/html-content) for its guideline for supportive and palliative care in adults.The draft scope defines what the guideline will and will not cover.The deadline for responses is **5pm** on **29th January 2016**. [Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **Health Committee inquiry on impact of the Spending Review**The House of Commons Health Committee is [inviting](http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/health-committee/news-parliament-20151/impact-comprehensive-spending-review-health-social-care-launch-15-16/) written submissions on the impact of the [Comprehensive Spending Review](https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/autumn-statement-and-spending-review-2015) on health and social care.Submissions of no more than 3000 words are invited. The deadline for submissions is**22nd January 2016**.The Committee expects to hear oral evidence later in 2016. [Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **Government's new mandate to NHS England**The government has published its [new mandate](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-mandate-2016-to-2017) to NHS England.The mandate helps set direction for the NHS and helps ensure the NHS is accountable to Parliament and the public.The mandate includes several references to end of life care as a priority, in particular in relation to improving choice, including "ensuring an increase in the number of people able to die in the place of their choice".Simon Jones, Director of Policy at Marie Curie, commented behalf of the [End of Life Care Coalition](http://endoflifecampaign.org/) (which consists of NCPC and six other charities): *“Around three million people will die over the course of this Parliament. Making high quality end of life care a stated priority in the NHS Mandate is an important signal that the government is committed to improving care and support for every dying person and promoting the local leadership needed to do this.  Over this year there have been a series of reports which show that too many dying people and their families are still let down in their final weeks and days.  This not only causes distress and suffering for the individuals involved, but also leads to significant numbers of unnecessary and unwanted hospital admissions, creating further pressure on an already stretched acute service. “As a coalition of charities committed to improving end of life care, we are very supportive of the inclusion of end of life care as a stated priority in the Department of Health’s new Mandate to NHS England.  We now look forward to the government’s much anticipated response to the Review of choice at the end of life, in which we hope they will cement their commitment to making high quality care and choice at the end of life a reality for everyone by fully implementing its recommendations.”* [Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **New resources on transforming end of life care in acute hospitals**NHS England has published a revised and updated [guide](http://www.nhsiq.nhs.uk/resource-search/publications/eolc-rts-how-to-acute-hospitals.aspx) to transforming end of life care in acute hospital settings.The route to success 'how to' guide offers practical advice and support for frontline clinicians and leaders for the work required to transform end of life care in acute hospitals.The guide supports NHS England's [Actions for End of Life Care 2014-16](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/actions-eolc.pdf). There is also a [new e-book](http://media.nhsiq.nhs.uk/eolc/) which contains the presentations, useful resources/contacts from a national conference held in November 2015. [Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **Building on the Best programme - call for expressions of interest**Building on the Best is a partnership between NHS England, NCPC, Macmillan Cancer Support, and the Trust Development Authority, and aims to build on what's already been achieved by hospitals to improve the quality of their end of life care.The programme takes into account the learning from the hospitals who have participated in NHS Improving Quality's [Transform programme](http://www.nhsiq.nhs.uk/improvement-programmes/long-term-conditions-and-integrated-care/end-of-life-care/acute-hospital-care/more-about-the-transform-programme.aspx) and work undertaken independently by other hospitals across the UK.It has been acknowledged that the [five key enablers](http://www.nhsiq.nhs.uk/media/2682364/july_2015.pdf) implemented by the Transform hospitals from 2011 remain highly relevant and should continue to form the core component of end of life care quality improvement work. In addition a number of priority areas have been identified, including shared decision making and pain and symptom management.We can offer Trusts participating in this new initiative support through:* Coaching for quality improvement and sustainability methodology, utilising opportunities for co-design with patients and carers
* Ongoing user involvement / user voice (eg working with NCPC People in Partnership Group)
* Telephone / email contact
* Buddying with other Trust
* Sharing and learning webinars

We are currently calling for expressions of interest for ten sites across England. The closing date is **15th January 2016**.Please contact Anita Hayes, programme lead, at a.hayes@ncpc.org.uk if you would like any further information.[Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **New report on costs of cancer care to the NHS**Macmillan Cancer Support has published a [new report](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/GetInvolved/Campaigns/BacktheCancerStrategy.aspx) on the costs of cancer care to the NHS. The report, '[Cancer cash crisis – counting the cost of care beyond treatment](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/Documents/Campaigns/Cancercashcrisisreport-MacmillanDecember2015.pdf)', warns that the NHS is currently spending more than £500 million a year on emergency inpatient care for people diagnosed with the four most common cancers (breast, lung, prostate and bowel) alone.It makes the case for government and the NHS to fully fund and implement the [Cancer Strategy for England](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/sites/default/files/achieving_world-class_cancer_outcomes_-_a_strategy_for_england_2015-2020.pdf).[Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **New report on hidden costs of caring**Marie Curie has published a [new report](https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/blog/caring-costs?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=socialorganic&utm_content=carersreport&utm_campaign=12days) on the issues facing unpaid carers of people with life-limiting conditions.According to the report, over 1 million people in the UK say they are supporting or caring for family members who have a terminal illness.The report explores various issues, including:* the emotional costs of caring
* the financial costs of caring
* the loss experienced in bereavement when caring has come to an end

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| **New factsheet on conversations with young people with life-limiting conditions**Together for Short Lives has published a [new factsheet](http://www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk/families/information_for_families/8691_talking_with_your_child_about_their_life-limiting_condition) entitled ‘Talking with your child about their life-limiting condition’.The factsheet offers suggestions about why it is likely to be useful to begin having these conversations early, and how parents and carers might go about doing so. NCPC also published a [guide](http://www.ncpc.org.uk/sites/default/files/YoungAdults_Final_CMYK_Web_singles%20Web%20version.pdf) to these conversations, in collaboration with Together for Short Lives, as part of our [Difficult Conversations](http://shop.ncpc.org.uk/public/shop/default.aspx?Category=Difficult%20conversation%20series) series. [Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **Update on NHS Five Year Forward View Vanguards**The NHS Five Year Forward View partners have published an [updated national support package](https://www.england.nhs.uk/2015/12/10/vanguard-support-package/) for all 50 vanguards, including a [directory](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/vanguards-support-directory.pdf) of national support on offer to vanguards.NCPC is one of the organisations offering support to the vanguards.[Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **Digital technology and end of life care**Digital technology should be better utilised to give those facing terminal illness more control over their care, according to [this article](http://www.ehospice.com/uk/articleview/tabid/10697/articleid/17737/language/en-gb/digital-technology-should-be-better-utilised-to-give-those-facing-terminal-illness-more-control-over.aspx?utm_campaign=website&utm_source=sendgrid.com&utm_medium=email).An internet enabled digital health service designed around the person in the last year of life is currently being piloted through a joint project between Sue Ryder and Dynamic Health Systems in three areas in England, with good feedback from the people in the last year of life.[Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **NHS Finances**Some NHS organisations will be exempt from requirements to meet their own budget target, as long as they do so across their health economy, under [new financial rules](http://www.hsj.co.uk/sectors/acute-care/stevens-reveals-radical-rewriting-of-financial-balance-rules/7001071.article) for 2016-17.[Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **Human Rights and End of Life Care: Training Event**The British Institute of Human Rights (BIHR) and Sue Ryder are holding learning events about human rights and end of life care.This training aims to empower health and social care professionals by providing an overview and framework to navigate the human rights involved in everyday actions and decisions in end of life care.The events will cover:* An introduction to the current policy context of end of life care
* An introduction to the Human Rights Act
* The relationship between human rights and end of life care
* Using human rights in practice and how to raise human rights issues

**Registration:**[Leeds](https://www.bihr.org.uk/Event/endoflifecare-training-leeds) (2 February) [Reading](https://www.bihr.org.uk/Event/endoflifecare-training-reading) (16 February) [Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **Emergency Care and Treatment Plan - update** Resuscitation Council (UK) has published an [update](https://www.resus.org.uk/statements/emergency-care-and-treatment-plan/) on progress with developing an Emergency Care and Treatment Plan.Drafts of a patient and family information sheet, prototype decision form and clinical guidance documents will be made available during January 2016 for a consultation and usability testing period of 6 weeks.[Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **My Living Will website**A [new website](https://www.mylivingwill.org.uk/) for creating individualised Advance Decisions and Advance Statements is now live.The not-for-profit website, [My Living Will](https://www.mylivingwill.org.uk/), was developed in consultation with healthcare staff, ethicists and barristers.[Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **New Scottish government framework on palliative and end of life care**The Scottish government has published a new '[Strategic Framework for Action on Palliative and End of Life Care](http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/12/4053)'.The Strategic Framework for Action sets out a vision for the next five years, outcomes and ten commitments to support improvements in the delivery of palliative and end of life care across Scotland. [Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **Key Events** |

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| **Flagship Conference and Awards 2016\*\***[Register](http://www.ncpc.org.uk/registration-0)**by 15th January to the get the early bird discount price\*\***The [conference](http://www.ncpc.org.uk/event/inaugural-ncpc-annual-two-day-conference-and-awards), which has the provisional title ‘An ambitious new world: building the future for palliative and end of life care’ will focus on the vision for improvement of end of life care, building on the ambitions report due to be published in autumn 2015, and identify what needs to happen in practice to make this a reality.The conference, which takes place on 23rd-24th March, will also include presentation of NCPC's [inaugural awards](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#NCPCawards).[Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **CANCELLED: Involving the whole community conference**We have unfortunately had to cancel the conference on 'Involving the whole community' that was scheduled for 10th February 2016, due to low numbers.We are considering alternative possible events on the same theme of public health and community development in end of life care. We will keep subscribers updated on any future events. [Back to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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| **Further Information** |

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| **About NCPC** The National Council for Palliative Care (NCPC) is the umbrella charity for all those involved in palliative, end of life and hospice care in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. We believe that everyone approaching the end of life has the right to the highest quality care and support, wherever they live, and whatever their condition. We work with government, health and social care staff and people with personal experience to improve end of life care for all. The NCPC is a registered charity number 1005671 and a company limited by guarantee number 2644430. Visit[www.ncpc.org.uk](http://www.ncpc.org.uk/) for more information. **About Dying Matters** **https://gallery.mailchimp.com/ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b/files/dmlogoalone.GIF**Dying Matters is a national coalition led by NCPC which aims to support changing knowledge, attitudes and behaviours towards dying, death and bereavement, and through this to make ‘living and dying well’ the norm. The Dying Matters Coalition, which has over 30,000 members, is working to address this by encouraging people to talk about their wishes towards the end of their lives, including how they would like to be cared for, where they want to die and their funeral plans, with friends, family and loved ones. Membership is automatic for NCPC subscribers and will enable you to access a wide range of resources to help you talk about dying, death and bereavement. To find out more or to join visit: [www.dyingmatters.orgB](http://www.dyingmatters.org/)[ack to top](http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea6a78606131cd2a0c50cb52b&id=0f7f2df2dc#CONTENTS) |

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