

Hospice Enabled Dementia Care:

Where are we now and where do we need to be?

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Hospice UK and Hope for Home Dementia Project

- Future ambitions for Hospice Care: our mission and our opportunity (2013)
- One year project November (2012-November 2013)
- Funded by Home for Home
- Consultation with Hospice providers
- Guided by steering group of experts
- Guidance for hospice in embracing dementia

Hospice Enabled Dementia Care: Where are we now?

- 88% of respondents do provide care for people with dementia
- 92% support carers of people with dementia (same as offered to other carers)
- 24% use dementia specific assessment tools
- 64% accessed dementia specific training from professionals outside hospice
- Emerging new roles: RMN/RGN, dementia champions, developing volunteers, social work roles
- Evidence of collaborations and partnership building

****Barriers identified****

What Strengths can Hospice bring to Dementia Care?

- Familiar with dying, death and bereavement and living with realities of these
- Hospice care is expert, flexible and timely in nature
- Hospice care is lead by peoples' needs
- Hospice care is innovative and pioneering
- Hospice care is integral and provided in partnership with others
- Hospice care is influential in the quality of care provided by others
- Hospice care engages with the community



Where do we Need to be? What must Hospices do to Embrace Dementia Care?

- Acknowledge legal, moral and ethical responsibility
- Have a corporate commitment to reach out to people with dementia and their carers (all)
- Have a collaborative approach to development of services and skills in response to need
- Be creative in their approach to adaptation of existing models of care meeting new needs and preferences
- Develop an evidence based approach to care and the care environment
- Invest in support and development of the workforce: paid and volunteers

Hospice Enabled Dementia Care Service Development Guidance

- 1) Why Dementia?
- 2) How Dementia is currently acknowledged by Hospice?
- 3) Principles underpinning good quality Dementia Care
- 4) Strengths hospice bring to Dementia Care
- 5) What hospices must do to embrace Dementia Care: checklist
- 6) Resources: a range of existing resources that exist to inform and support development

REMEMBER!

One Size Does Not Fit All



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