

End-of-life care

We have:

- Improved overnight care for terminally ill patients in the very last weeks of life
- Further developed our end-of-life care workforce by supporting the whole team looking after the patient to develop enhanced skills in delivering end of life care
- Identified new funding to improve access to Specialist Palliative Care services so more patients will be able to benefit from earlier assessment and face-to-face visiting
- Increased the numbers of people nearing the end of their life who are supported to die at home.
- Increased the numbers of bereaved people who were able to benefit from our local bereavement service

We will:

- Develop training and support to local services to help them manage and identify more patients who would benefit from end-of-life services.
- Extend dementia training across all professionals working with end-of-life care patients.
- Pilot a new service to improve management of patients with advanced heart failure nearing the end of life
- Improve local services and support for patients including those with advanced dementia
- Facilitate closer working between hospital and community based services aligned to development of three integrated care networks (which will enable more joined up care).
- Continue to improve information sharing across different settings of care
- Improve early identification of those thought to be approaching their end of life, especially those with non-cancer conditions and increasing frailty