The Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care worked in collaboration with the Joint Improvement Team and a number of other national organisations to put on a Practice Exchange Event in October 2011. The event aimed to engage a wide range of primary, community and secondary care practitioners in Reshaping Care for Older People and exchange models of collaborative interdisciplinary practice with a particular focus on delivering integrated and co-ordinated clinical care to support frail older people to remain at home. ISBN: no ISBN

This year’s conference took place at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh on Thursday 6 October 2011. Around 220 people attended and preliminary evaluations indicate that the programme was very well received. A short summary of conference presentations and workshops is included in this document. Copies of the conference presentations and the posters displayed at the conference are available on this website. ISBN: no ISBN

Alzheimer Scotland, Edinburgh Napier University and the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care (SPPC) organised a summit Living and Dying Well with Dementia, which took place on 4 March 2011. The event was funded by NHS Education for Scotland (NES), Edinburgh Napier University and the SPPC. The summit aimed to build on previous work by Alzheimer Scotland which looked at improving understanding of a palliative care approach to care for people with dementia among a wide range of health and social care staff and NHS Lothian (funded by The Big Lottery) which had a dual focus on supporting family carers and the assessment and management of distress and pain for people with a dementia. Included in the report are the key messages drawn from the Summit as well as the themes that emerged from the day, through group discussions, speaker presentations or question and answer sessions. ISBN: 978-0-9572326-0-0

This document provides basic guidance for health and social care professionals on how to begin to engage in palliative care research. It is not intended to be a complete guide to conducting palliative care research, but is designed to help people to get started. It aims to assist those who have not had much previous experience in palliative care research to: * understand the research process * identify potentially useful ideas for research * utilise other people’s research * write a research proposal * gain research approval from appropriate bodies * source funding for palliative care research * undertake research while continuing their clinical role or secondment * write up research * disseminate research findings. ISBN: 978-095423969-5

Two years on from the launch of Living and Dying Well: A national action plan for palliative and end
of life care in Scotland in October 2008, there is widespread evidence that the cohesive national approach outlined in the document is well on the way to ensuring the provision of consistent and equitable palliative and end of life care for all people and their families across Scotland who need it. The achievements outlined in this document demonstrate the very substantial progress which has been made towards the equitable provision of high quality palliative and end of life care across Scotland for everyone, whenever and wherever they need it. Moreover, that progress has been made in a manner which is sustainable for the future. Although there is still some way to go before the full aims of Living and Dying Well reach fruition, the Scottish Government, NHS Boards, key stakeholders and individual practitioners across all sectors remain committed to the process which has begun. In the short term, governance and operational arrangements to ensure implementation of all of the actions in Living and Dying Well and Living and Dying Well: Building on Progress will continue through the Scottish Government, the National Advisory Group and the Executive Leads. In the longer term, clinical leadership and quality assurance will continue to develop within the NHS QIS integrated cycle of improvement in partnership with, NES and the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care. ISBN: 978-0-7559-9860-9 (web only)

The End of Life Care Policy, developed jointly by the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) and the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care, provides guidance for all SAS staff involved in caring and arranging transport for palliative care patients and training staff in their needs. The document includes information about DNACPR/CYPADM orders as well as palliative care algorithms for Ordering Authorities, Ambulance Despatch and Operational Ambulance Staff. ISBN: no ISBN

The Scottish Government continues to make palliative and end of life care a high priority. In the Scottish Parliament there is also increased interest in palliative care, a recent example being the Public Audit Committee’s request for evidence on improvement. Developments such as MSP Margo MacDonald’s End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill, Terry Pratchett’s Reith Lecture, and the Director of Public Prosecution’s publication of an assisted suicide policy have all been part of an increasing and ongoing public discourse about end of life issues. This new, higher profile brings with it new challenges, and through parallel workshop sessions the conference provided an opportunity to identify some of these challenges and think through and discuss their implications. Capturing both aspirations and realities in its title, and with a strong participative element, the conference set out to interest and stimulate delegates on the subject of palliative care being everybody’s business. ISBN: no ISBN

This edition of the newsletter is devoted to the Partnership’s annual conference on 30 September 2009, when over 200 delegates met at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh to explore, with the help of a range of speakers and workshop leaders, the theme Palliative care: How can we make a difference?. You will find detailed reports of the main presentations inside the newsletter. ISBN: no ISBN

The Partnership’s Annual Conference Palliative Care: daring to be different, held on 2 October 2008 at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, was a busy and enjoyable day which was highly evaluated by the great majority of delegates. As well as the launch by the Cabinet Secretary of Living and Dying Well a national action plan for palliative and end of life care in Scotland, delegates were able to hear from a full programme of interesting and informative speakers. ISBN: no ISBN

Living and Dying Well, a national action plan for palliative and end of life care in Scotland, provides the focus and momentum to ensure the Scottish Government’s strategic priority to improve palliative and end of life care services becomes a practical reality and is applicable to all geographical areas of Scotland. Living and Dying Well is a plan to ensure that good palliative and end of life care is available for all patients and families who need it in a consistent, comprehensive, appropriate and equitable manner across all care settings in Scotland. It is intended for all health and social care policy makers, planners and practitioners, and is designed to produce achievable and measurable changes which will ensure quality improvement and enhance patient and carer experience. However, it does not yet have all the answers. Living and Dying Well identifies some changes which can be made in the short and medium term, and some which will take a little longer
and will require further collaborative and developmental work, as well as additional input of time and resources. ISBN: 978-0-7559-5889-4

With a foreword by the Chief Medical Officer for Scotland, endorsed by the National Centre for Advanced Heart Failure, and produced following extensive consultation, this report describes the potentially extensive scope of palliative care in heart failure and makes many sensible and practical recommendations - the scale of their implementation being determined by fund holders. Inevitably, translating these recommendations into practice will mean making choices about where gains can be made most effectively and rewarding for patients. Aiming primarily for making the best quality of life for those patients who are close to the end of their lives would be an excellent start. ISBN: 978-095423968-8

Nearly 170 delegates gathered for the Annual Conference of the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh on Thursday 30 August 2007 for an exciting and challenging glimpse of possible futures for palliative care. Speakers had been asked to consider a vision of palliative care in the future in a range of care settings and to examine some of the processes, partnerships, policies and initiatives which will be necessary to sustain and improve services. All rose to the challenge, and in a series of thought-provoking and inspiring presentations pointed to some of the potentially difficult decisions and adjustments that will have to be made in order for palliative care to remain both active and holistic in the year 2027. Dr Derek Doyle, OBE, Honorary President of the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care, opened the conference by reminding delegates that uncertainty had always been part of the picture for palliative care. It was a myth to assume that pioneers, including Cicely Saunders, had had a clear plan at the outset for the development of palliative care services &ndash; in fact all were taken by surprise by unfolding events. He urged those present to draw strength from this background when facing the very real challenges implied by the conference agenda. ISBN: no ISBN

This report and recommendations, produced as a result of a widespread consultation by a short life working group of the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care and submitted to the then Scottish Executive in May 2007, led to a commitment by the Scottish Government in Better Health, Better Care: Action Plan (December 2007) to implement the report’s recommendations and to the subsequent launch of the Scottish Government’s national action plan for palliative and end of life care in Scotland Living and Dying Well at the SPPC’s annual conference in October 2008. ISBN: no ISBN

This guidance was produced to support managers, teams and individuals in identifying appropriate palliative care competences for use within their organisation or workplace. The information contained within this document should assist individuals and organisations to use competences to support recruitment, workforce planning and development, role redesign and career progression, and help them consider the needs of individual practitioners as well as the skill mix required in teams. ISBN: 978-095423967-1

The population is ageing; more people are living with long-term conditions. Advances in medical knowledge and improvements in health services have increased life expectancy, but the inevitable cannot be prevented. Adaptations are required around the way people are cared for during their lifetime, and this includes the way people are cared for when they are dying. The Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care believes that this report provides a valuable opportunity for the views of service users, providers and planners throughout Scotland regarding access to palliative care for people with life-threatening conditions other than cancer to be heard. We hope that the information gathered will be of use to all concerned and that in its process and outcomes the project has helped to point the way to realistic and achievable ways of working towards equitable access to appropriate palliative care for all. ISBN: 978-095423966-4

The report of the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care’s three-year Big Lottery funded project, Joined up thinking Joined up care &hellip; was launched by the Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care at the annual conference in Edinburgh on 22 November 2006. The report summarises the findings of extensive consultation throughout Scotland into the palliative care needs
of people with conditions other than cancer, the barriers they currently experience in accessing appropriate palliative care, and ways in which these barriers might be overcome. It identifies increased collaboration and joint working as a key way forward, and proposes a model of care which emphasises a need for the skills of generalists and specialists alike. Almost 300 conference delegates representing health and social care sectors heard Lewis Macdonald MSP, Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care, welcome the report on behalf of the Scottish Executive. Patricia Wallace, Director of the Partnership, outlined the work of the project and its findings, and Dr Harry Burns, Chief Medical Officer for Scotland, addressed the challenges of implementing the recommendations. A varied programme of presentations throughout the day highlighted the experience of people with a range of non-malignant conditions and focussed on the main themes identified. ISBN: no ISBN

The Care Commission recognises these new national palliative care practice statements as best practice when inspecting the quality of palliative care delivered in care homes. They will also be taken into account when registering any new care home and when investigating complaints or carrying out enforcement activity in adult care homes. The palliative care practice statements set out what people can expect from their current or future care home in order to meet their palliative care needs. They will, equally importantly, provide a resource for care home owners and managers to help them deliver palliative care to both an acceptable and achievable level. (The Care Commission has since become the Care Inspectorate.) ISBN: 0-9542396-5-2

Scottish Ministers set up the National Care Standards Committee (NCSC) to develop national standards. The NCSC carried out this work with the help of a number of working groups. These groups included people who use the services, their families and carers, along with staff, professional associations, regulators from health and social care, local authorities and independent health providers. Many others were involved in the consultation process. As a result, the standards have been developed from the point of view of the person who uses the service. They describe what each individual person can expect from the service provider. They focus on the quality of life that the person using the service actually experiences and they apply to people using all aspects of hospice’s services (in-patient care, day care, home care and out-patient care) unless the standard is inappropriate for the aspect. ISBN: 0 7559 4745 2

This edition of the newsletter is devoted to the Partnership’s annual conference on 14 September 2005, when over 200 delegates met at Hilton Dunblane Hydro to explore, with the help of a range of speakers and workshop leaders, the theme "Palliative care: challenges for today and tomorrow". You will find a summary on the cover pages and more detailed reports of the main presentations, together for the first time with a pictorial record, inside. Despite lacking the incomparable chairmanship of our Honorary President, Dr Derek Doyle, who was unfortunately unwell, this year’s conference was once again an undoubted success. Professor Frank Clark, Chairman of the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care, ably took over the role of introducing the guest speakers and guiding delegates through an interesting, informative and enjoyable day. We were delighted to welcome Professor Julia Addington-Hall, Professor Vivienne Nathanson and Dr Marie Fallon as our guest speakers, and grateful to them for their detailed and thoughtful presentations, each of which did indeed outline many of the present and future challenges for palliative care. ISBN: no ISBN

The Partnership’s annual conference at the Hilton Dunblane Hydro on 8 September attracted over 200 delegates willing to be challenged by new thoughts and to consider entering new realms of professional discomfort. A range of speakers and workshops under the excellent and thoughtprovoking chairmanship of Honorary President Dr Derek Doyle delivered a programme which provided ample opportunities for both. Unfortunately Professor Julia Addington-Hall, one of the keynote speakers and leader of the most popular workshop session, was taken ill on the morning of the event and was unable to participate, but despite this disappointment, the majority of delegates enjoyed an interesting and successful day. ISBN: no ISBN

This report outlines the findings of the first Scottish national survey of public awareness, knowledge and understanding of palliative care. The survey aimed to establish the current level of knowledge
of palliative care, establish what factors contribute to knowledge of palliative care, and explore
attitudes towards palliative care. Results indicated that the general public’s grasp of, and
desire for the delivery of, a holistic concept of end of life care which embraces the physical,
practical, social, spiritual and emotional needs of individuals and families may be considerably
greater than had been previously realised. The research also indicated that a majority of people
would like to see issues of death and dying more openly addressed in Scottish society, and that a
majority of people would like information about palliative care services to be more generally
available. ISBN: 0-9542396-4-4

The Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care’s Annual Conference in Dunblane on 10
September 2003 attracted 190 delegates from Scotland and the UK. Those attending were given the
opportunity, through a series of plenary and workshop sessions, to consider the many issues arising
from the conference theme of evidence and effectiveness in palliative care. A series of keynote
speakers outlined some of the issues for research and evidence-gathering in palliative care and
workshop sessions were held in both the morning and afternoon to give delegates a further
opportunity to learn and share experiences. ISBN: 0-9542396-3-6

This publication is significant because it is very important for patients; patients with palliative care
needs, whatever their diagnosis, need the reassurance of knowing that health and social care
professionals place the highest priority on ensuring that patients’ conditions are controlled;
and that those patients and those who care for them are comfortable and in control during
their illness. This document goes some way to acknowledge the work done by all the professionals
and health care support workers in the community hospitals across Scotland which function as
palliative care units for the locality. This is a statement of quality upon which we need to build. ISBN:
no ISBN

This event was the first major conference in Scotland to provide a platform for discussion of the
palliative care needs of people with learning disabilities. Over 120 people attended it. Delegates with
expertise and interest in palliative care joined delegates with expertise and interest in supporting
people with learning disabilities to discuss their palliative care needs and the response of services.
Participants came from all over Scotland; from health and social care settings. They came to hear
speakers of national and international repute reflect on and share experience and knowledge and to
develop an agenda for improvement and change. The conference was organised by Common
Knowledge, the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care and St Columba’s Hospice. Dr Donald Macaskill, Head of Training and Learning with Scottish Human Services Trust, chaired the
day. ISBN: 1 899751 23 8

The Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care’s Annual Conference in Stirling on 6 November
2002 gave over 140 delegates the opportunity to explore new challenges by “Rethinking
Palliative Care”; in a series of plenary and workshop sessions throughout the day. The
conference was evaluated highly, with 98% of responses indicating that the content was relevant or
very relevant to delegates; work and 96% indicating that the conference would affect
delegates; thinking or work practice. Individual comments included widespread appreciation
for Honorary Vice President Dr Derek Doyle’s skills and style as chairman, and for the
educational, networking and thought-provoking value of the day. ISBN: 0-9542396-2-8

This document introduces the Clinical Standards Board for Scotland’s Clinical
Standards for Specialist Palliative Care. These standards were developed in partnership with the
Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care and apply to specific elements of the service. They cover the
following areas: * Access to Specialist Palliative Care Services * Key Elements of Specialist
Palliative Care * Managing People and Resources * Professional Education * Inter-professional
Communication * Communication with Patients/Carers * Therapeutic Interventions * Patient Activity.
The standards will be used to assess performance in these areas in hospital, community and
hospice settings throughout Scotland where specialist palliative care services are provided. (CSBS
had since become NHS Quality Improvement Scotland and subsequently Healthcare Improvement
This report is the result of a research study commissioned by a Joint Working Party on Patient Held Records set up in the light of widespread interest in the use of Patient Held Records in palliative and cancer care. A randomised control trial was undertaken in central Scotland by the Department of Nursing Research at the University of Newcastle. This report presents the results of that trial which were first published in the Journal of Palliative Medicine, Vol 16, No 3, 2002. ISBN: 0-9542396-1-X

This report provides a guide to what can and should be done to help the "in-between" group of those facing the transition from childhood to adulthood. The opportunity was taken to involve a relevant reference group of young people in the production of this report. The needs of young people are very different from those of children and adults, and special thought needs to be given as to how to provide for these. This report is not prescriptive about how services should be provided but sets out principles, which all members of the caring team can adapt to local needs. ISBN: 1 898447 06 3

The Scottish Partnership Agency for Palliative and Cancer Care (SPA) held its 10th anniversary conference "Palliative care for all – Responding to need not diagnosis" at Inchyra Grange, Polmont on 21 November 2001. At its AGM on the same day, the SPA changed its name to the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care to reflect its commitment to the new wider agenda of palliative care for all. The conference was attended by 185 delegates from NHS boards and trusts, universities, hospices and voluntary organisations. The delegates included representatives from a wide a range of professions and disciplines including medicine, nursing, chaplaincy, occupational therapy, pharmacy and social work. They were working not only in palliative care but in children’s services, geriatrics, dementia services, neurology, oncology, primary care and psychiatry. Delegates evaluated the day highly, rating it as informative, interesting and extremely helpful in exploring the issues around palliative care for people with conditions other than cancer. ISBN: 0-9542396-0-1

The Scottish Partnership Agency held a one-day conference on the theme of Sharing Good Practice in Stirling on 6 December 2000. The conference was attended by 130 delegates from across Scotland including health professionals and managers from health boards, NHS acute and primary care trusts, hospices and other voluntary organisations involved in palliative and cancer care. Delegates evaluated the conference highly for being informative and relevant to their own practice and the Scottish Partnership Agency hopes this report will encourage the continued sharing of good practice. ISBN: no ISBN

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