

A spotlight on: Ambulance services and end of life care Session links Tuesday 6 February 13:30-14:30



Calls to emergency services are increasing for people at the end of life, likely in part because services in the community are under pressure. Yet until recently there has been little research in this area. Join this session to learn more about the experiences of paramedics providing end of life care and some of the complex issues they face. This session will reflect on how paramedics could be better supported in their role.

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Read our blog on how Marie Curie is supporting ambulance crews: <u>https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/blog/how-marie-curie-supports-overstretched-ambulance-crews-in-london/287015</u>

Marie Curie's Scottish Ambulance Service and Palliative Care ECHO Network: <u>https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/professionals/project-echo/scottish-ambulance-service</u>

Marie Curie report on 'Improving evening and weekend care for dying people':

https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/globalassets/media/documents/research/pu blications/h429_out-of-hours-palliative-care.pdf

Paramedic practices and experiences of providing end of life care: An England-wide survey

Dr Natasha Campling (University of Southampton)

Read a summary and watch a short video about the project: https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/research/funded-projects/our-latest-researchprojects#campling



Frequent attendance: well over half of all paramedics estimate attending EoL cases at least once every 7 shifts

> Lack of systems identification: rarely know they are attending an EoL case prior to arrival

Value of ACP discussions elsewhere in the health service (outside of crisis situations), documentation and sharing of documents with ambulance service

KEY TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Complexities of medicines administration: usually limited to patients own JIC supplies + existence of MAAR chart Potential value of ambulance fleet carrying supplies and administration authorised via PGD
- Lack of availability of HCPs / teams for advice or immediate referral: particularly specialist palliative care input, and out-of-hours

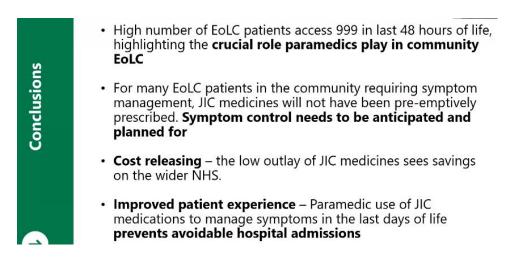
Need for access to 24/7 specialist palliative care advice lines

> Some fears apparent, shortfalls in confidence + difficulties challenging conveyance recommendations

Need for post-registration paramedic specific PEoLC training

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Read the conference abstract: https://spcare.bmj.com/content/14/Suppl_1/A17.2

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