

Financial Security at the End of Life & Presentation of the Prizes: session links



Friday 9 February 11:00-13:00

It shouldn't be harder to make ends meet at the end of your life, yet we know that this is not always the case. From higher energy bills due to the medical need to stay warm and power medical equipment, to struggling to continue working especially without adequate policies in the workplace. Furthermore, people with lower socioeconomic position are more likely to die in hospital which, for many, is not their preference.

This session will explore these issues and look at potential ways that terminally ill people could be better supported financially.

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Marie Curie links:

Information on benefits and finances for people with a terminal illness, and their family and carers:

<https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/help/support/benefits-entitlements>

Check out our compassionate workplaces training programme

<https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/professionals/compassionate-workplaces>

Work and terminal illness rights in the workplace:

<https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/help/support/ Diagnosed/practical-emotional-support/about-work>

Why are people with lower socioeconomic position more likely to die in hospital? - Dr Joanna Davies (King's College London)

Socioeconomic position and use of hospital-based care towards the end of life: a mediation analysis using the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing:

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33571459/>

Researching minoritised communities in palliative care: An agenda for change:

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36271636/>

Take home messages:

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1. People who live in more deprived areas are more likely to live alone and (for people who die from cancer) this partly explains why they are more likely to die in hospital
2. Bi-directional effect of worse health
3. Demonstrates the potential for this method and this data

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Taking the Temperature of NG6: A review of how the NICE Guideline NG6 is delivering warm and safe homes, and what more can be done for vulnerable and terminally ill people - Dr Danielle Butler (National Energy Action) and Leah Steadman (Marie Curie)

NG6 guidelines on reducing the health risks (including preventable deaths) associated with living in a cold home:

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng6/resources/excess-winter-deaths-and-illness-and-the-health-risks-associated-with-cold-homes-pdf-51043484869>

Marie Curie's reports on poverty at the end of life:

<https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/policy/poverty/povertyreports>

Taking the temperature on NG6 full report:

<https://www.nea.org.uk/publications/taking-the-temperature-of-ng6/>

Article: We need to talk about health inequalities:

<https://www.health.org.uk/news-and-comment/blogs/we-need-to-talk-about-health-inequalities>

Dying in the margins report:

<https://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/news-events/event/dying-margins>

Report recommendations:

Recommendations

Understand the extent to which fuel poverty is having health consequences for people living with terminal illness.

People with a terminal illness need to be explicitly identified as a category of 'vulnerable group' by NICE.

Further research is critically needed to better understand the finer details of specific successes and challenges of schemes and services that are delivered under NG6.

 

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Supporting employees with terminal illness: developing workplace policies and guidance

- Joanne Smithson (What Works Centre for Wellbeing) and Izzie Baverstock-Poppy (Marie Curie)

Supporting employees with terminal illness: A guide to workplace policies and practice:

<https://whatworkswellbeing.org/resources/supporting-employees-with-terminal-illness/>

We were very sad to hear the news that Jonnie Irwin, TV presenter, died last Friday.

Jonnie had shared his own experience of losing work after his diagnosis and supported this research and called for greater employment protection for dying people.

You can read his reflections on Joanne's work and what work meant to him:

<https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/media/press-releases/tv-presenter-jonnie-irwin-supports->

[calls-for-greater-employment-protection-for-dying-people/361087](#)

You can also read about his experiences of losing work: <https://www.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2022/nov/24/jonnie-irwin-says-he-was-axed-as-a-place-in-the-sun-presenter-due-to-terminal-cancer>

CIPD Guidance:

<https://www.cipd.org/uk/knowledge/guides/terminal-illness/>

Podcast episode on living and working with a terminal illness:

<https://speakforme.co.uk/podcast-episode-40>

Article by Stephen Bevan: A Last Hurrah? Reflections on a Terminal diagnosis:

<https://workingwithcancer.co.uk/2023/04/03/a-last-hurrah-reflections-on-a-terminal-diagnosis/>

Living and working with a terminal illness: what do we know and what can we do better?:

<https://speakforme.co.uk/blog/living-and-working-with-a-terminal-illness-what-do-we-know-and-what-could-we-do-better>

Six areas to consider in policy making:

Six areas to consider in your policy making

1. Attendance flexibility
2. Adjustments to work arrangements
3. Managing absence
4. Sources of support
5. Financial wellbeing
6. Stopping and leaving work



Presentation of prizes: the Susie Wilkinson Award, the Joanna Mugridge Award, the Clair Fisher Research Impact Award & the Tammy Prescott Patient and Public Involvement Award - Dr Sam Royston

You can read more about the year's prize winners and their projects on the conference website in the award's section:

<https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/research/annual-research-conference>

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