

Subject:	End of Life Pathways		
Date of Meeting:	4 February 2014		
Report of:	Monitoring Officer		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide HWOSC with an update on developments in Palliative Care and End of Life services and pathways in Brighton and Hove.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That HWOSC members note the content of the report and comment on it.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 End of life care helps all those with advanced, progressive, incurable illness to live as well as possible until they die. It enables the supportive and palliative care needs of patients, their carers and family to be identified and met throughout the last phase of life and into bereavement.
- 3.2 In July 2008, the Department of Health published a national strategy to improve provision of end of life care. The aim of this strategy is to bring about a step change in access to high quality care for all people approaching the end of life. High quality care should be available wherever the person may be: at home, in a care home, in hospital, in a hospice or elsewhere. Implementation of this strategy should enhance choice, quality, equality and value for money.
- 3.3 In Brighton and Hove there is a joint palliative and care group (the Palliative Care and End of Life Steering Group), that has representative from primary, secondary, social and community care services as well as the voluntary sector. This group strives to promote and deliver high quality care for patients approaching the end of life. This group and is responsible for forming a joint action plan to deliver the national strategy on end of life care locally.
- 3.4 Main work streams for the group include the Sussex End of Life Care and Dementia Project, the Palliative care partnership, work with primary care providers and the interim guidance in place of the Liverpool Care Pathway.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 4.1 There was a stakeholder event in December 2013, to provide a collective response to the proposed advice to health and care professionals, about care in the last days to hours of life.

The event was attended by: Representatives from B&H CCG; three local service users: Age UK; The Trust for Developing Communities; staff from Brighton & Hove City Council, and Brighton Older Peoples Council; representatives from Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals including palliative care consultants, clinical nurse specialists and the trusts chaplain and rabbi; Brighton Carers Centre; two local GPs, three members of Healthwatch; a GP from the out of hour's service (IC24). Living Well/Dying Well a local charity with specialist interest in dying; the Martlets Hospice, including clinicians, nurses and chaplain; Macmillan Cancer; Sussex Community Trust staff ;, a clinician from Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust; the homeless co-ordinator for the St Johns Ambulance; a local Nursing Home Manager

- 4.2 This event will be followed by a further stakeholder consultation in April 2014 to discuss the content and implementation of a local end of life care plan, when the final advice from the Leadership Alliance for the Care of Dying People has been received.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

None to this cover report.

Legal Implications:

- 7.1 None to this cover report.

Equalities Implications:

- 7.2 None to this cover report.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.3 None to this cover report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. CCG Report on End of Life Pathways