

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ADULT CARE & HEALTH SERVICES

TO:	Health and Wellbeing Board		
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TITLE:	End of Life Care Briefing		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board members with an overview of End of Life Care locally and to aid discussion on how the Reading locality can further develop our care and support for those at the end of life.
- 1.2 It is worth noting that although many references to End of Life Care is centred around older people, people of all ages (from birth) are included in this scope of work.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 Note the presentation by Dr Barbara Barrie
- 2.2 To agree to the creating of a working group and comment on the proposed membership of the group.
- 2.3 For the above action plan to be brought back to a future Health and Wellbeing Board

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Members of the board may be aware of the work around End of Life Care nationally. At times controversy has surrounded End of Life Care. The Liverpool Care Pathway, and the exposure from the Daily Mail about how this was applied, and more recently in September 2015 the proposed Bill around Assisted Suicide.

- 3.2 The approaches to End of Life Care have changed over recent years and there are now some very helpful documents to support good practice in this area. These include:
- 1) One chance to get it right (Leadership alliance for the Care of Dying people)
 - 2) Dying without dignity (Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman)
 - 3) More Care, Less Pathway, A review of the Liverpool Care Pathway (Independent review)

4. NATIONALLY

- 4.1 In September 2015 the National Palliative and End of Life Care: A national framework for local action 2015 - 2020, was launched.
- 4.2 The National Palliative and End of Life Care Partnership, is made up of statutory bodies including NHS England, the Association of Directors of Adult Social Care Services, charities and groups representing patients and professional and has developed a framework for action in making palliative and end of life care a priority at a local level.

The national framework sets out six 'ambitions' - principles for how care for those nearing death should be delivered at a local level:

1. Each person is seen as an individual
2. Each person gets fair access to care
3. Maximising comfort and wellbeing
4. Care is coordinated
5. All staff are prepared to care
6. Each community is prepared to help

- 4.3 This is complimented by a range of other reports which promotes good quality End of Life care.

5. LOCALLY

- 5.1 It is noted that Readings Re-ablement and intermediate care teams provide high quality End of Life Care, which is not often included in re-ablement services. This provides a good basis on which the whole health and social care system can support high quality End of Life Care.
- 5.2 At a local level, there is an infrastructure in place to improve how we delivery End of Life Care, which is led by Dr Barbara Barrie, who has a special interest in this area.
- 5.3 To start this process, Dr Barbara Barrie will be presenting the Health and Wellbeing Board with the key facts and information to raise awareness (see Appendix 1)

6. PROPOSAL

6.1 To create a Reading locality steering group to stocktake local End of Life services, how we communicate this important area of work and to map the local offer within nationally recognised frameworks, namely; Gold Standard Framework, Ambitions for Palliative and End of Life Care: A national framework for local action 2015 - 2020.

6.2 The proposed membership of this would include participants from: CCG's, Local Authority officers, BHFT, carer, voluntary sector.

7. CORPORATE AIMS

7.1 Safeguarding and protecting those that are most vulnerable.

7.2 Providing the best life through education, early help and healthy living.

8. FINANCIAL

8.1 There are many routes to receiving palliative and end of life care, and with this a range of funding streams which can prove complicated, including; Continuing Health Care funding, through national and local charities (some supported by national funding), such as MacMillan and Duchess of Kent, and through the Local Authority 'in-house' care provision.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 Once chance to get it right. (Leadership alliance for the Care of Dying people).

9.2 Dying without dignity (Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman)

9.3 More Care, Less Pathway, A review of the Liverpool Care Pathway (independent review)

9.4 Ambitions for Palliative and End of Life Care: (A national framework for local action 2015 - 2020). Association of Directors of Adult Social Care Services 2015.