Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of a quarterly newsletter from the Lord-Lieutenant’s Palliative Care Forum. We hope that it provides some useful and interesting information about what we are currently doing. The aim is also to signpost you to other organisations and websites to provide a wider perspective of what is happening in terms of Palliative and End of Life Care.

We would very much appreciate your feedback on the content and format of the newsletter. If you have anything you would like to be included in the next edition (due in March 2018) or have comments or feedback on the newsletter, please let me know – chrismac56@hotmail.com

Please circulate the newsletter to anyone you think would be interested.

Compassionate Communities Workshop – 18 January 2018

Following on from the excellent presentation by Dr Libby Sallnow at the Dying Matters event in May 2017, we are very pleased to welcome Libby back to Norfolk as the lead presenter at a workshop hosted by the Lord Lieutenant, Richard Jewson, to be held on Thursday 18 January 2018, 9.30am-1.00pm at Taverham Village Hall.

Also presenting at the workshop will be Guy Peryer, Lecturer in Health Studies at the UEA on behalf of Jenny Hartnoll (Service Lead at Health Connections Mendip) to talk about the successful introduction of Compassionate Communities in Somerset and Jonathan Clemo (CEO of Community Action for Norfolk) to talk about building on existing community networks. Invitations will be sent out shortly but in the meantime please put the date in your diaries. The aim is for non-statutory organisations to discuss the potential barriers and solutions to implementing Compassionate Communities in Norfolk and Waveney.

Prior to the workshop you may want to look at where the principle of Compassionate Communities is working well in Somerset:

https://healthconnections-mendip.org/our-model/
Dying Matters Awareness Week 2018 – 14-20 May 2018

We will once again be hosting an event in central Norwich during this week and will publish details of date and venue in the New Year. The link below is to the online Hospice UK shop should any of you be holding your own event and wish to buy appropriate leaflets etc: https://hospice-uk.myshopify.com/collections/dying-matters-publications-and-resources

Norfolk and Waveney Palliative and End of Life Collaborative

We are very pleased to attend the Collaborative meetings and to have the opportunity to feed in directly to the Sustainability Transformation Plans (STP). The chair of the Compassionate Communities sub group of the Collaborative (Guy Peryer) is also a member of the Lord-Lieutenant’s Palliative Care Forum and therefore we have a number of ways in which we can help to influence commissioners and providers about the importance of good quality, accessible palliative care for all. On a separate note, our Chair has met with Patricia Hewitt (STP Chair) who is very supportive of the Forum. If anyone has any particular points they would like the Forum to forward for inclusion in STP discussions please let me know: chrismac56@hotmail.com

Avoidance of health-related suffering

For those of you who have not seen it already, you may be interested in a recent article in The Lancet (14 October 2017) about access to pain relief. For the commission’s recommendations for service integration- see panel 18/19 of the main article (p.38). http://www.thelancet.com/commissions/palliative-care?dgcid=etoc-edschoice_email_Oct14

The Role of Care Homes in end of life care

The National End of Life Care Intelligence Network (NEoLCIN) recently launched a number of products to inform end of life care planning in terms of the role of care homes: http://www.endoflifecare-intelligence.org.uk/resources/publications/carehomes

We hope you all enjoy the festive period and we look forward to working with you all in 2018 to continue to highlight the importance of working together to improve palliative and end of life care for all involved.