

## Focus on Nurses

Welcome. The launch of the Next Stage GSF - Going for Gold on 30th June 2009 recognises the central role of nurses in providing excellence in end of life care. This is the start of a three year programme to give high quality care for all by 2012. District nurses are in a key position to take a lead for developing quality care in general practices and care homes. Specialist nurses also have a strategic role in sharing best practice across organisations. Another development in GSF is the emphasis on cross boundary working with hospitals, hospices and care homes focussing particularly on how nurses can decrease un-necessary admissions and reduces the length of hospital stay by close liaison and careful pre-planning to avoid crises. We also have a keen group piloting use of the framework itself within acute hospital settings.



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New resources specifically for nurses are being developed. A specific nurse's toolkit is almost ready for launch. A series of factsheets have also been developed. Please click on the links below.

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Other professionals are also integral to providing quality end of life care and the factsheets are an opportunity to share ways the GSF can help and examples of good practice from other areas. The paramedic's factsheet is the first of a number of planned resources.

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This page is updated on a regular basis. We are keen to hear your feedback about what you would like to find here, and comments on the new resources. Do re-visit this page in the future to see what is new. Meanwhile, please see attached information that might be useful, explore the rest of the website, sign up for our quarterly newsletter, or contact us if you do not find what you were looking for.

The team is always looking for examples of good practice and is willing to discuss your challenges and share suggestions. Do not hesitate to contact us.

[GSF Factsheet 1: Community Nurses](#)

[GSF Factsheet 2: Specialist Nurses](#)

[GSF Factsheet 6: Paramedics](#)

[Gold standard palliative care: nurses are leading the way in implementing good practice in end of life care](#), Thomas K, Professional End of Life Care, [Independent Nurse](#), 6 Dec 2010, Pg 44-45

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