

Gold Standards Framework (GSF)  
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Invitation to Tender

Regional Centres Development for The National Gold Standards Framework Centre in End of Life Care

Key dates:

Registration opens: March 27<sup>th</sup> 2012  
Registration Closes: May 31<sup>st</sup> 2012  
Interviews to take place in June 2012  
Confirmation will be sent out by July 14<sup>th</sup> 2012

For more information and an application form below, or to discuss with a member of the GSF team

Application Form [Invitation to Tender - GSF Regional Centres](#)  
please email [info@gsfcentre.co.uk](mailto:info@gsfcentre.co.uk) or call 01743 291 895

- [End of Life Care Journal](#)
- [GSF Winter Bulletin Feb 2011](#)

Recent Reports, Papers:

- End of Life Care pilots pin point need for improved training in communication skills. [Pilot](#) / [Report](#)
- [Second Annual Report on the End of Life Care Strategy](#)
- [End of Life Care Intelligence Network](#) - report reveals that location and deprivation can affect settings for deaths across England
- [Can GSF Resuscitate your Business?](#) CMM September 2010, Pg 25-26, Tanner T. At a time when the public purse is being squeezed and business is harder to come by, could the Gold Standards Framework prove a valuable differentiating factor from your competitors? Tom Tanner discusses how the programme can improve business and service standards.
- [Summary of Evidence of Effectiveness for Gold Standards Framework Care Homes Training Programme](#)

- [National GSF Centre CIC Overview](#)
- [GSF Primary Care Briefing Paper Quality Improvement Training Programme Flyer](#)
- [GSF in Care Homes Briefing Paper](#)

More information about GSF in Primary Care Quality Improvement Programme can be found in the GSF Primary Care "[How to get involved](#)" Section

[Information for Commissioners](#)

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Please Note:

The charity Omega is focussing now on its main work of supporting carers and non-clinical community care. All GSF work is being brought together under one roof within the National GSF Centre.

For all enquiries on ADA and Accreditation please contact as above

For all enquiries about Omega's important work in supporting carers do contact Omega directly on 0845 259 3163

National Primary Care After Death Analysis Snapshot ([Key Findings](#) / [Executive Summary](#))

The Department of Health Quality Markers and Measures for end of life care (QM2.11) 2009 recommends all practices audit their care and create an action plan using an audit tool such as the GSF After Death Analysis (ADA). ADA is available as part of the training programme in Primary Care and Care Homes and can be separately commissioned.

The largest ever national snapshot of end of life care in primary care using the GSF ADA tool is now available, involving 15 PCTs, 600 practices and data from 4,500 patients, assessing every death in February and March 09 in every practice in those PCTs.

Facilitators and end of life care leads who were not part of the project may wish to consider commissioning an

ADA audit in future. Many practices who have used ADA are now doing the Quality Improvement Training Programme

Contact National GSF Centre CIC for further information on 01743 291891 or [ada@gsfcentre.co.uk](mailto:ada@gsfcentre.co.uk)

#### End of Life Care Journal

The journal End of Life Care is designed to enable the individual nurse, the education establishment and the health service provider to achieve excellence in the care and support of dying people and their families.

For further information regarding the journal, to subscribe or to receive a sample issue, please contact the publishers: [vi.guyan@healthcomm-uk.com](mailto:vi.guyan@healthcomm-uk.com) or visit [www.endoflifecare.co.uk](http://www.endoflifecare.co.uk)

The Gold Standards Framework is an excellent template for systematic care for all patients nearing the end of life. As a GP, I found it ensured our patients received the quality of end of life care they deserved, making my life as a GP so much more fulfilling.

*David Colin-Thomé, National Director for Primary Care, Department of Health*

#### DH Quality Markers

The GSF Team welcomes the publication of the Department of Health Quality Markers and Measures for End of Life Care on 29th June 2009. In particular it is exciting to see a new section of Quality Markers for District/Community Nursing Services.

GSF is recommended throughout as well as the GSF audit tool ADA which can be used to benchmark or monitor improvements in care. These markers and measures of quality will be used in the future by commissioners to monitor the care providers are able to give.

The patient keyworker concept is advocated for all organisations in this document. The exact meaning of this concept is not entirely clear and the GSF team would welcome feedback on examples of good practice in terms of how the 'keyworker' role differs from good standard care by a GP or district nurse. Please [contact us](#).

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