

Abstract for EAPC 2017 Madrid – Use of GSF in Hospitals

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Title: Delivering proactive person-centred end of life care in hospitals- - findings from the first hospitals using GSF.

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Background

Inadequate End of Life care in UK hospitals has received much recent attention and is recognised as a key area for improvement. Almost 50% people die in in hospital and there is little proactive care for the 30% hospital patients in their last year of life.

Gold Standards Framework (GSF) is a quality improvement programme delivering proactive personalised care for people in the last years of life in all settings. The GSF Hospital programme was modified in 2008 from the well-established GSF Community programmes.

Aim

To report the introduction and impact of the first phases of the GSF Acute Hospitals Programme, with findings from the first 8 accredited wards.

Method:

The structured 2 year GSF Hospital training programme enables teams to **identify** patients earlier, **assess** needs and **plan** care aligned to preferences. The GSF programme includes training, tools, measures and support plus intrinsic independent evaluation.

Results:

Evaluation indicates staff are able to identify EOLC patients earlier, offer advance care planning (ACP) discussions and reduce hospitalisation, enabling more to live and die where they choose.

Conclusions:

Early findings from the first 8 hospital wards using GSF show significant changes, with proactive, better- coordinated, person-centred care. More work is needed to develop and embed this further.