

Gold Standards Framework Care Homes Training and Accreditation Programme



The Gold Standards Framework (GSF) Care Homes Programme is the most well-known and widely used quality improvement (QI) programme for care homes, improving care for all residents in the last stages of life.

It will help you achieve long-term, effective, sustainable change for your care home - the 'gold standard' of care.

GSF improves proactive, personalised, well-coordinated care, in line with the NHS Long Term Plan, NICE Guidance and Enhanced Health in Care Homes (EHCH).

The Gold Standards Framework programme is:

- **Proactive** – promoting earlier identification, more anticipatory care, fewer crises, reduced hospitalisation
- **Person-centred** – care tailored to patient needs and wishes
- **Systematic** – for all patients who might be in their last year of life and with improved collaborative working between the care home, general practice and other members of the Multi-Disciplinary Team

SPECIAL OFFER (limited availability)

Thanks to funding from the Wolfson Foundation, we are pleased to offer care homes a subsidised rate for a limited period.

Sign up to the GSF Gold Programme (including accreditation) now for £795 (plus VAT) per care home

The Gold Programme will provide eight interactive webinars teaching staff how to implement GSF in the home, full resources and audit tools, leading directly to accreditation with the GSF Quality Hallmark Award.

The GSF Accreditation Quality Hallmark Award is nationally recognised as a kitemark for quality, recommended by The Care Quality Commission, Care England, National Care Forum, National Care Association, The Registered Nursing Home Association, The British Geriatrics Society and other national organisations.

The Gold Programme training includes:

Webinar 1: Introduction and Evaluation

Overview of end of life care and how implementing GSF will help improve end of life care within your home. Baseline data is also gathered to enable you to evidence improvement

Webinar 2: Key task 1 – Identification

Explores how you can identify the needs of residents and support residents in a systematic way

Webinar 3: Key task 2 – Assessment

This session gives an overview of Advance Care Planning and the importance of ensuring all residents are offered ACP

Webinar 4: Key task 3 – Plan living well

Explores enabling residents to live well until they die, focusing on their physical, social and emotional wellbeing

Webinar 5: Key task 4 – Plan care of the dying

Focuses on the care of the dying patient in-line with NICE guidance

Webinar 6: Key task 5&6 – Family and carer support and compassionate care

Focuses on the support required for families and carers including bereavement support and a compassionate environment for residents and staff

Webinar 7: Key Task 7 – Leadership and Sustainability

Focuses on effective leadership and how to embed GSF in practice

Webinar 8: Accreditation process

Overview of the requirements of accreditation. An opportunity to revisit the accreditation process, seek clarification on requirements for submission of your portfolio of evidence and the opportunity for any other Q&A

On completion of the training, you will need a minimum six months to embed your learning into practice before you can apply for accreditation. You will have two opportunities to apply for accreditation.

Programme Delivery Plan

Gold Training & Accreditation Programme – There are two options to start the training

Start Date: January 2021 → Accreditation Completion Date: September 2022

Start Date: March 2021 → Accreditation Completion Date: March 2023

Find out more information and to apply online via this [weblink](#)

All areas of the UK are eligible to apply for this grant, but we are especially interested in applications from care homes in the following regions:

**Cornwall • Cumbria • Devon • Isle of Wight • Lincolnshire
Norfolk • Northern Ireland • Scotland • Wales**

Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis based on eligibility criteria set by The Wolfson Foundation. Each care home will receive two delegate places on the training programme. T&C's apply. All applications must be received by 1st December 2020. If you would prefer us not to contact you or if you change your mind at any time please email info@gsfcentre.co.uk

The National GSF Centre for End of Life Care – Working in Association with Hospice UK

Gold Standards Framework enables a gold standard of care for all people in their final years of life, in any setting, with any condition, given by any care provider.