

National Headliners

Compassion in Dying asks “Advance care planning in general practice – does policy match reality?”: This report highlights the significant gaps between Clinical Commissioning Group policies on advance care planning within primary care and reality. Case studies within the report demonstrate that GPs have been hesitant, not confident, or even unwilling to discuss or record Advance Decisions or requests for DNAR orders.

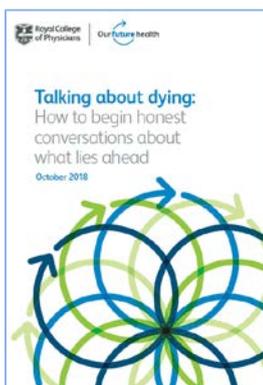
Recommendations on how improvements could be made to support GPs to respect individuals’ end of life wishes and better conversations are also included.



Read more [here](#)

Royal College of Physicians (RCP) releases new report: “Talking about dying: how to begin honest conversations about what lies ahead”:

RCP identified that timely, honest conversations about what patients want from their future are not happening with doctors. This report begins to highlight and challenge professional reluctance to engage in conversations with patients about uncertainty, treatment ceilings, resuscitation status and death. It offers ‘mythbusters’, tools, and educational resources to support physicians and other healthcare professionals in having better conversations.



Access the report [here](#)

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New resource to help homeless people access vital care at the end of life: A unique research partnership between Pathway and the Marie Curie Palliative Care Research department, in collaboration with St Mungo’s and Coordinate My Care, has launched a free online toolkit to help hostel staff feel confident in supporting homeless people get access to the care they need at the end of life.



Access the online toolkit [here](#)

Guide to staying out of hospital when you have dementia: This guide has been developed by Unforgettable to support carers to understand the common causes of why hospital admissions occur and practical advice on how to manage the wellbeing of a person with dementia.



Download the guide [here](#)

Regional Updates

Human Rights Free Training: For registered and non-registered staff go to: www.sueryder.org/humanrightstraining

NHS England End of Life Care [Webinars](#)

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at the end of life in the Thames Valley