



**HospiceFriendly
HOSPITALS**

Putting Hospice Principles into Hospital Practice.

End-of-Life Care

From the Margins to the Mainstream

**A national conference to reflect on the first
National Audit of End-of-Life Care in Irish
Hospitals from a range of perspectives**

&

**Launch the Quality Standards for End-of-Life
Care in Hospitals**

Clontarf Castle, Dublin
Wednesday 19th May 2010
10am – 5pm



Fóidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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The Hospice Friendly Hospitals Programme

Launched by President McAleese in May 2007, this five year programme is an initiative of the **Irish Hospice Foundation** in partnership with the **HSE** and **Atlantic Philanthropies**. It has also been supported by the **Dormant Accounts Fund** and the **Health Services National Partnership Forum**. Its aim is to mainstream hospice principles into hospital practice and to make hospitals more 'friendly' towards dying, death and bereavement.

During Phase 1 of the programme, the first ever **National Audit of End-of-Life Care in Hospitals** in Ireland was undertaken with the participation of 24 acute hospitals and 19 community hospitals. The results of this audit, and the newly developed **Quality Standards for End-of-Life Care in Hospitals**, which are supported by **HIQA**, will be central to the discussions at this conference. An opportunity now exists for Irish hospitals to both learn from the audit, be guided by the standards, and give leadership within the European Union on ways to improve end-of-life care.

During **Phase 1** of the programme, a wide range of issues related to dying, death and bereavement were identified and participating hospitals were supported in their response to these issues. The focus in **Phase 2** will be on ensuring sustainability by making end-of-life care central to the work of the hospitals. A key aspect of sustainability will be the introduction of **Development Plans** to guide implementation of the Quality Standards.

The Conference

With the ongoing reorganisation of hospitals and continuing efforts to integrate acute and primary services, an opportunity now exists to develop the vision of a network of service providers and partnerships which will provide coordinated quality end-of-life care linking **home, hospice** and **hospital**.

Standards and Audit are set to become central to the working of hospitals and will inform HIQA in its licensing and overseeing of hospitals. This conference provides an opportunity to learn about the first **National Audit of End-of-Life Care in Hospitals** and about the new **Quality Standards for End-of-Life Care in Hospitals**. Together they will help move end-of-life care in hospitals from the margins to the mainstream.

The conference will be of interest to:

Managers and staff from acute and community hospitals; nursing home managers and staff; clinical and social care providers; hospice and palliative care professionals; primary and community care providers; policy makers; healthcare trainers; bereavement support services and all healthcare providers with an interest in the provision of quality end-of-life care.



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8:30 - 9:50

REGISTRATION

10:00

Opening Address: Denis Doherty, Chairperson, Irish Hospice Foundation.
Chair: **Prof. Muiris FitzGerald**, Board Member, Irish Hospice Foundation

10:15

The National Audit of End-of-Life Care;
What it tells us about dying in hospital.
Dr. Kieran McKeown, Social & Economic Consultant

11:00

Response I; A Public Interest Perspective
The Ombudsman, Emily O'Reilly

11:30

BREAK

11:45

Response II; A Bereaved Relatives Perspective
Catriona Crowe, National Archivist

12:00

Response III; A Hospital Staff Perspective
Eileen Whelan, Director of Nursing, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital,
Drogheda

12:15

Response IV; A Hospital Manager's Perspective
Liam Duffy, CEO, Beaumont Hospital

12:30

Discussion

12.50 – 14:00

LUNCH

14:00

Launch of *Quality Standards for End-of-Life Care in Hospitals*
Mary Harney T.D., Minister for Health and Children
Chair: **Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness**,
President – Law Reform Commission.

14:30

Quality Standards for End-of-Life Care in Hospitals - An Overview
Prof. Cillian Twomey, Chair, National Steering Committee,
Hospice Friendly Hospitals Programme

15:00

Implementing the Standards – Identifying the Challenges:
- For Hospitals
- For Staff
- For Patients
- For Relatives
Discussion Groups

15:45 – 16:00

BREAK

16:00

Feedback Session

16:20

'Bringing it all together' - presentations and closing remarks
Mervyn Taylor, Manager HFH Programme.

Conference Programme

Booking Form

 (Please print all details)

Name:

Address:

Organisation:

Phone/Mobile No:

Email:

Occupation:

Special Dietary Requirements:

Other Special Needs:

Cost €50 per delegate. Includes light lunch and refreshments. Bookings of 10 or more people from the same organisation will receive a 5% reduction. Please make deduction when drawing up cheque, as deduction cannot be made afterwards.

I enclose a cheque made payable to The Irish Hospice Foundation (HfH) for €50

I wish to be invoiced. Address for invoice (if different from above):

Online registration and detailed programme are available at
www.hospicefriendlyhospitals.net

Alternatively contact **Grace O'Sullivan**, Hospice Friendly Hospitals Programme,
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Closing date for bookings: Friday, 14th May 2010