

43% Acute Hospital
26% Home
25% Long-stay Facility
6% Hospice



PRIMARY CARE in PALLIATIVE CARE

90% of care in the last year of a person's life is provided by the GP; they are key providers of the palliative care approach.

14,000 people die every year in Ireland in their own home or in residential care.

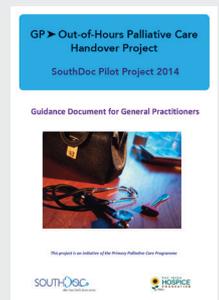
Irish Hospice Foundation vision is that palliative care is fully integrated in primary care systems so that all patients have early access to a palliative care approach in their own home and in residential care. This communique briefly outlines some steps we are undertaking to deliver on this vision.

Advocacy: GP CONTRACT to include PALLIATIVE CARE

IHF along with Dr Paul Gregan, Dr Brendan O'Shea and Dr Ronan Fawsitt are advocating for the inclusion of a Primary Palliative Care Scheme (to include palliative, end of life care, and advance care planning) within the new GP contract.

Research: OUT OF HOURS – CONTINUITY AT END OF LIFE

1. The GP→OOH Palliative Care Handover Form was developed and is in use by several GP Co-Ops to support continuity in palliative care OOH. Health Link is undertaking to make the form available electronically.
2. Access to SPC Advice OOH: A baseline audit in 2 SPC Services (Waterford and Our Lady's Hospice/Blackrock) reported a total of just 10 advice calls over a 6 month period.
3. Role of Community Intervention Team in Palliative Care was highlighted in an instrumental case study published in The Journal of Community & Public Health Nursing (2016) available from www.hospicefoundation.ie



Service: NIGHT NURSING

Every year approximately **2,500 people** receive night nursing, a service provided by the Irish Cancer Society. **600** of those people have diseases other than cancer and this service is funded by the Irish Hospice Foundation. Referral to this service is made via the Specialist Palliative Care Team.



Other News:

In 2016 the European Association of Palliative Care (EAPC) established a primary care reference group. Marie Lynch (IHF) is an active member of this group. This reference group is updating the EAPC toolkit for the development of palliative care in the community. See www.eapcnet.eu



The Joint EAPC and international Primary Palliative Care Newsletter (May 2018) is available from: www.ippcn.org

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