

Useful resources for primary palliative care: January 2020

The Irish Hospice Foundation (IHF) Primary Palliative Care (PPC) programme addresses the provision of palliative and end-of-life care in the community.

This document highlights IHF resources that might be useful to health and social care professionals working in this setting.

All of these resources are available on the IHF website www.hospicefoundation.ie



The 2011 Primary Palliative Care in Ireland Report identifies areas where steps could be taken to enhance the delivery of palliative care in the community.



The GP Out of Hours Palliative Care Handover Form was developed and piloted in SouthDoc in 2014. It aims to enhance communication between the GP and the out of hours services.



Nurses for Night Care is a national service available to people dying at home with illnesses other than cancer.

BEREAVEMENT RESOURCES:



www.BEREAVED.ie provides advice and information for the bereaved. Free resources can be accessed from this website.

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING RESOURCES:



Think Ahead is a form that people can use to think, talk and record their preferences for care. It includes an Advance Healthcare Directive that is in keeping with The Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015.



This briefing paper on Advance Healthcare Directives provides information about Advance Healthcare Directives in Ireland.



These two factsheets provide health and social care professionals with an update on legislation and advance care planning as well as offer answers to frequently asked questions about the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015.



A series of illness specific (heart failure, COPD, dementia and neurological illnesses) booklets about planning for the future are available.



A suite of seven guidance documents were developed to support healthcare staff working with people with dementia across all care settings in addressing specific aspects of dementia palliative care.

THE CEOL PROGRAMME:

CEOL, which stands for Compassionate End of Life, is a quality improvement programme for residential care centres (RCCs) and nursing homes delivered by the IHF.

