

End of Life Care in Primary Care

Exciting times ahead!

2008 is a very exciting time for End of Life Care, particularly End of Life Care in Primary Care. Several major initiatives have already influenced or are influencing this care and the consideration for care at the end of life has moved from dealing mainly with cancer to firmly embracing all end of life care regardless of condition.

- ◆ Calman–Hine report 1995
- ◆ NHS Cancer Plan 2000
- ◆ DN PC Ed Prog 2001-2004
- ◆ NICE Supp & PC IOG 2004
- ◆ End of Life Programme 2005-2008 (extended to 2009)

Background

- ◆ 500,000 people die in England annually
- ◆ DoH has no strategy for EoL care
- ◆ Some receive excellent care, others do not
- ◆ 54% acute hospital complaints relate to care of the dying/bereaved (HCC 2007)
- ◆ Hospices set gold standard for EoL care for minority
- ◆ Major mismatch between
 - ❖ preferred place of care (PPC)
 - ❖ actual place of death (PoD)
- ◆ Most would probably like to die at home (2/3)
 - ❖ 20% die at home
 - ❖ 20% die in care homes
 - ❖ >50% die in acute hospitals
 - ❖ 4% die in hospices
- ◆ Only 1/3 general public have discussed death and dying with anyone

June/July 2008 will see the publication of two very important but interlinked government documents.

- ◆ End of Life Strategy due Dec 2007 postponed to June 2008
- ◆ Darzi report: Reorganisation of the NHS due June 2008

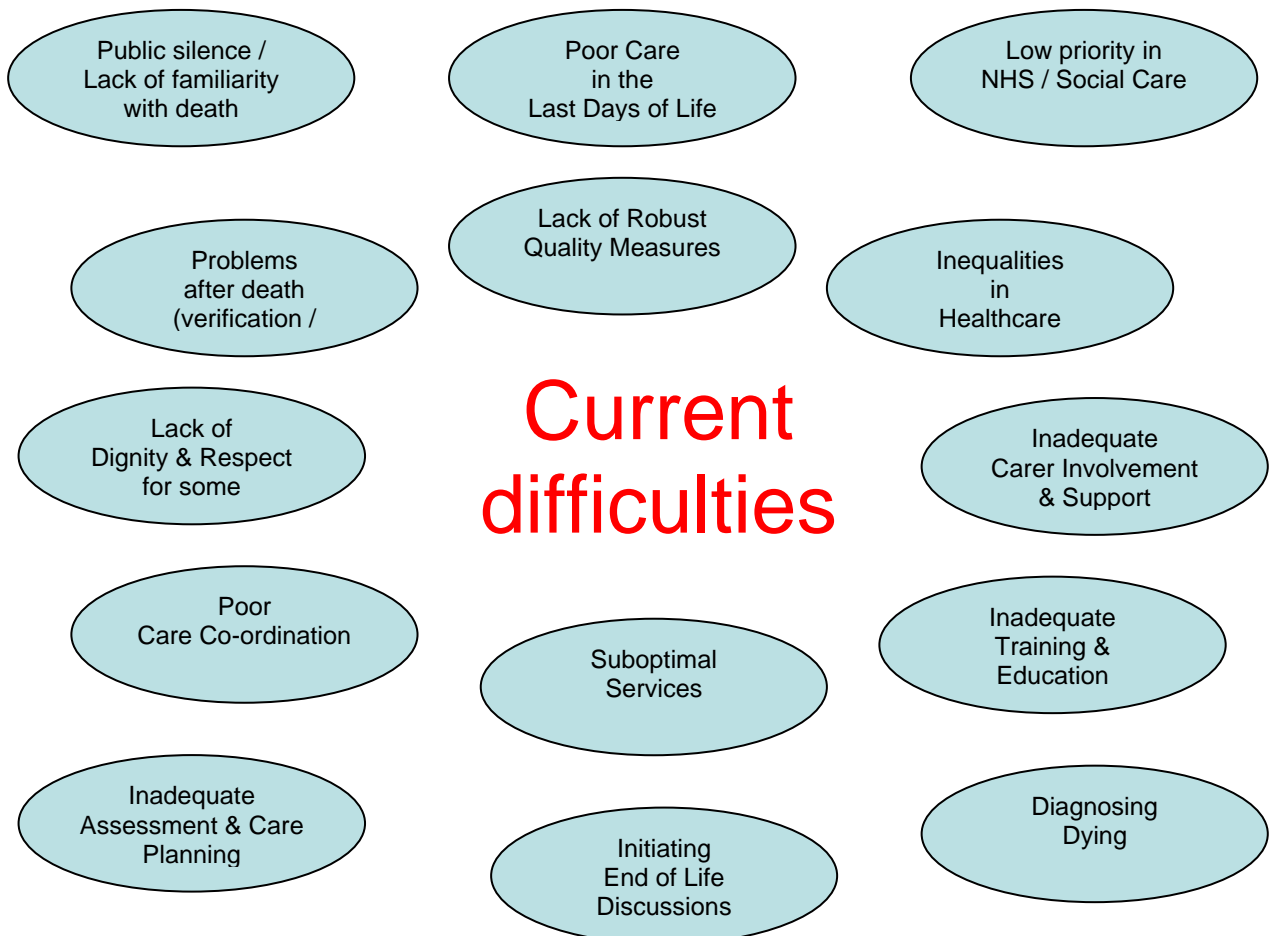
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End of Life Care approach to the Strategy

◆ What is a good death?

- ❖ Each individual different ideas but:-
 - Individual with dignity & respect
 - Without pain & other symptoms
 - Familiar surroundings
 - Company of close family &/or friends

◆ What are the current difficulties?

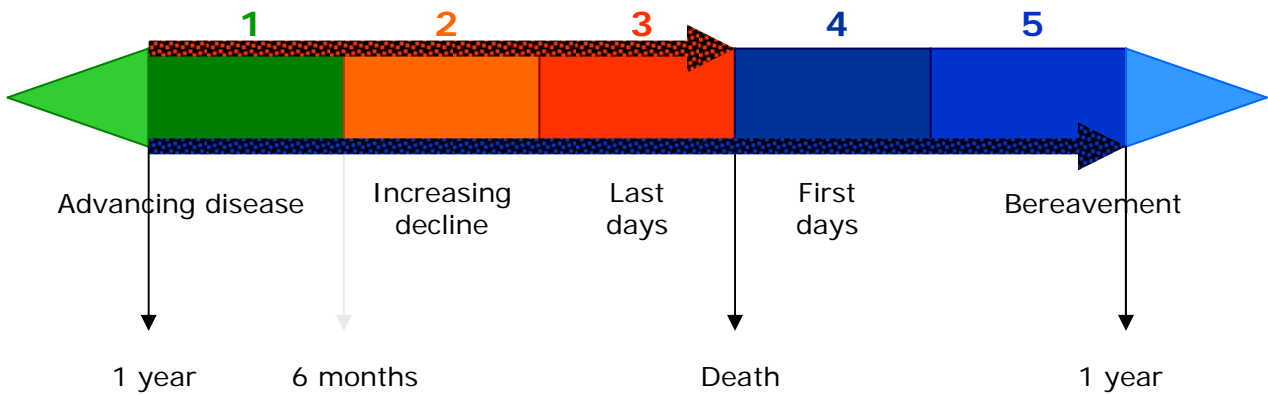


◆ Emerging themes

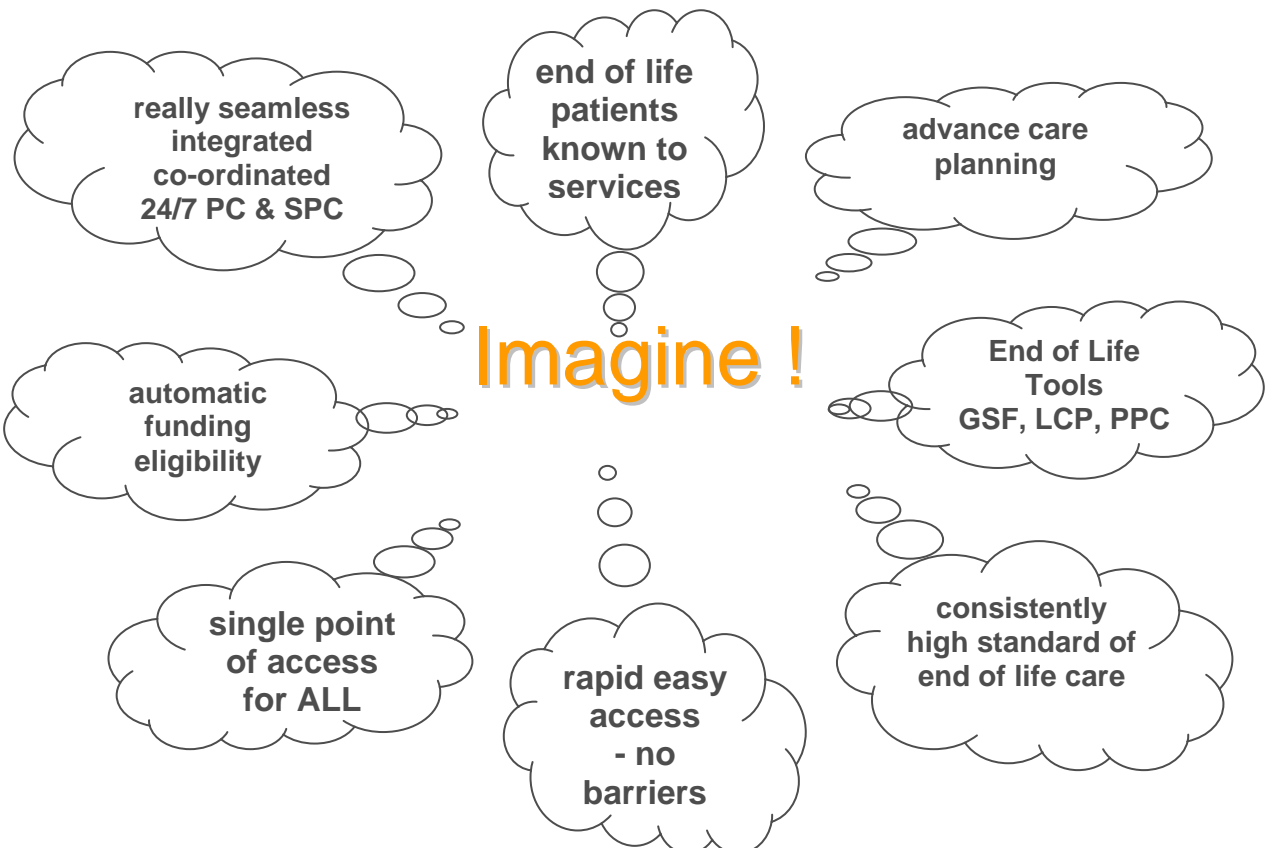
- ❖ Raising public profile of EoL care
- ❖ Whole systems strategic commissioning
- ❖ An end of life care pathway
- ❖ Workforce development
- ❖ Measurement
- ❖ Funding

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Whole system strategic commissioning



NHS North West: End of Life Care Model



We have only **one** opportunity to get it right for any individual and their family, there is **no** rehearsal. They deserve the very best we can do.