



GSF Acute Hospitals



Calling for interest for the next GSFAH Programme 2015



We are now able to offer the programme to be commissioned in two ways:

Phase 6 Open programme - Summer 2015

NEW Commissioned programme from April 2015 - where we come to you!

We are now renewing our invitation to take part in the updated and very successful GSF Acute Hospital Programme in End of Life care, including the more cost-effective whole hospital commissioned programme, plus news on progress towards Accreditation.

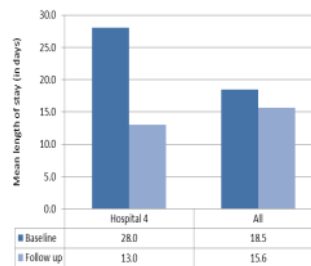
Following considerable success over the last 6 years of the Award winning Gold Standards Framework Acute Hospital programme in End of Life care, involving over 45 acute hospitals (with 5 whole-hospital projects), several wards are now progressing to Accreditation, with the Quality Hallmark Awards to be presented by Prof. Sir Mike Richards in March 2015. Significant benefits have been demonstrated, supporting better quality of care and reducing unnecessary hospitalisation.

- Standard Open programmes** - facilitators and ward representatives from a number of hospitals gather together for centrally run GSF training workshops x 6 over 2 years and receive all resources, teaching, coaching and evaluation. Some doing whole hospital projects receive visits in addition.
- NEW Whole hospital Commissioned programme based at your hospital** - ONLY for whole hospital/multiple ward projects, in which the GSF team deliver the programme in **your** hospital in addition to supplying the above, plus some interaction with other teams. This makes it easier for staff to attend, reduces travel expenses and costs and supports spread across the whole site, which is more in line with the requirements of the new CQC inspections.



End of Life Care and CQC

EOLC is now included as one of the **core services** for CQC inspection in hospitals. CQC **recognises GSF Accreditation and GSF Quality Hallmark Awards** are seen as marker of excellence in other settings e.g., care homes, GP practices, hospices and community hospitals. Similarly CQC recognise hospitals that have undertaken GSF training and accreditation. GSF can support and up-skill your generalist workforce in end of life care to demonstrate best practice on the ground for good and 'outstanding' levels of end of life care and they are likely to receive very favourable reports in EOLC CQC inspections.



Reduced length of stay by average 3 days, some 13 days - 2014 Phase 3

Evidence of improvement from GSFAH Phases 3 & 4

- **Earlier recognition** using GSF Prognostic Indicator Guidance (PIG) (nearer 30%) and more proactive care.
- **More initial advance care planning discussions** with patients and giving care in line with preferences.
- **Decreased length of stay** – meaning more discharged home towards the end of life.
- **Better communication with GPs**, and information transfer on admission and discharge.

What is the GSF Acute Hospitals Programme?



British Geriatric Society endorses the GSF AH Training and Accreditation Programmes

"The BGS are delighted to work with the GSF Team to help drive up standards of care across the country by supporting the GSF accreditation process and Quality Hallmark Award for End of Life care in Acute Hospitals. Promoting high quality end of life care skills are part of the portfolio of core generic skills for health professionals working with older people. In working together, we think this will help raise the profile of end of life care in hospitals, and support geriatricians and others to provide more proactive quality care for the 30% of hospital patients considered to be in the final year of life."

Why the GSF AH Programme can help you?

- GSF is the **most widely used EOLC framework**. It works! – strong evidence base for its effectiveness.
- GSF improves earlier **identification** (up to 30%) and inclusion on the register/EPaCCS, **assessing** by introducing Advance Care Planning discussions and **planning** improved communication with GPs + others.
- Designed to meet **CQUIN** targets, **Commissioning** priorities + **NICE** Quality Standards.
- It incorporates many enabling tools (including Tansform) to improve care and builds on the use of GSF in **the community** so improves collaboration and supporting **enhanced Integrated Cross-Boundary Care**.
- It is the only programme with quality assurance **ACCREDITATION endorsed by British Geriatric Society**.
- Includes **all resources required** (see below), teaching, coaching, workshops and evaluation ensuring quality care in all settings.

"Large numbers (about 30%) of hospital inpatients have entered the last year of their lives. Such data could assist in advocacy for these patients and should influence end-of-life care strategies in hospital"

Clark et al. *Palliat Med.* 2014 Mar 17;28(6):474-479.



"GSF has given us a common vocabulary in all settings – and that's been a great benefit in our area" Dr Karen Groves Palliative Care Consultant Southport and Ormskirk Hospital.

"GSF is well thought through, patient focussed and joined up ...I'm pleasantly surprised that they (clinical teams) are up for this – they can see it makes a difference" Mike Connolly, Nurse Consultant, Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester. GSF Clinical Associate.

What is included in the GSF AH programme?

1. **All resources required** including teaching materials, posters, ward folders, DVDs, Good Practice Guides and other resources.
1. **Interactive workshops** with colleagues to share good practice and progress with others.
2. **Support** - individualised coaching, conference calls and project management support.
4. **Independent evaluation** plus intrinsic evaluation showing benchmarked change.



The full 2 year Programme leads to Foundation Level in Year 1, Enhanced level in Year 2 and then Hospitals can apply for Accreditation and the GSF BGS Quality Hallmark Award in Year 3.

For further information, a registration form, reports or a discussion on how this could be of benefit to you please contact The Gold Standards Framework Centre on:
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