

## The National Gold Standards Framework Centre in End of Life Care

### Invitation to Tender

**Regional Centres Development for The National Gold Standards Framework Centre in End of Life Care**

**Extended Deadline- Submission by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August- Decision November ready for 2015 start**

24<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Dear Colleague,

The GSF Centre in End of Life Care has for over a decade been the leading provider of training in end of life care to generalist frontline health and social care professionals in the UK. We focus on **population-based End of life care**, upskilling generalists through change management and system-thinking, embedding self-sustaining practical changes to meet the challenge of our aging population. This complements the work that you and others provide in specialist palliative and end of life care, and together we can have a real impact on a wide population of people in a local area. This broadening of approach to meet changing needs and future challenges is also in line with the recent Help the Hospice Review, developing the work and reach of hospices for the future.

**We would like to invite you to become part of our work.** Over the last 6 years we have been working with 8 Regional Centres, 5 of which are hospices, with St Christopher's Hospice London being the first. These partnerships have proved extremely exciting, synergistic and fruitful, with fantastic developments happening in these areas. For example, one hospice successfully secured a local LETB grant to help train over 80 care homes, 76 GP practices, hundreds of domiciliary care workers and support GSF in the local hospital. Others are cross boundary care centres and others have trained all care homes in their area, with a great impact on their ongoing support and education. Most find that following GSF training there is a significant increase in uptake of hospice educational programmes, and better collaboration with community teams, to improve end of life care in a wide local area. So national GSF programmes plus local hospice implementation appear to be a good combination for the future.

**Your invitation to apply.** We are now looking to establish a further four GSF Regional Centres ready for 2015. So:

- If you are, or aspire to be a centre of excellence in your area for education in end of life care
- If you want to work across generalist sectors providing end of life care
- If you want to play a key part with your CCG in helping reduce avoidable hospital admissions
- If you want to work with local care homes, domiciliary care, primary care and hospitals to improve end of life care in the community, especially for the frail elderly, those with long term conditions and dementia
- If you would like to become a local centre from which the GSF programmes are delivered.
- If you have a focus on education, care for all people including the frail elderly and quality improvement.

...then this is your opportunity to play a major part in this exciting development by becoming a GSF Regional Centre. GSF Regional centres become centres of excellence in their area and will be cost-neutral, or in some cases, income generating, ensuring sustainable means of delivery and training across the UK, whilst still maintaining the quality of GSF training,

Key dates for Tender: **Application submitted by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August - Visits Oct/Nov.** Application process attached  
If you would like to discuss this further or need further information, we would be happy to book a time to talk.  
We look forward to hearing from you.

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*"Enabling a gold standard of care for all people nearing the end of life"*



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