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### Session Abstract

# Scotland's Strategic Framework for Action for Palliative and End of Life Care

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As a society we are facing a growing need for appropriate care in the face of ageing, life limiting illness and death. Although the scale and complexity of this makes this challenging - we have substantial assets and expertise within Scotland with which to respond to this need. In 2014 the World Health Assembly – the governing body of the World Health Organisation - passed a resolution requiring all governments to recognise palliative care and to make provision for it in their national health policies. The Strategic Framework for Action on Palliative and End of Life Care is the Scottish Government's response to that call. The Framework outlines the vision that by 2021 everyone who needs access to palliative care will have access to it.

Within the Framework, the Scottish Government has outlined its commitment to supporting changes required to support access to palliative and end of life care being available to all who can benefit from it, regardless of age, gender, diagnosis, social group or location. To achieve this vision many people, organisations and agencies will have to work together in a culture of collaboration - ensuring that there is a balance of constructive challenge and a recognition of the benefits of aligning support, engagement and delivery mechanisms for maximum benefit.