



The 11th Palliative Care Congress Glasgow 2016

Session Abstract

Facilitating research in hospices

Masterclass Sponsored by Marie Curie

Thursday 10 March 2016

0830 - 0930

Programme

8.30am

Professor Bill Noble, Marie Curie and Sheffield Hallam University
The importance of research-active hospices

8.35am

Dr Juliet Spiller, Marie Curie Hospice Edinburgh
Engaging in research – benefits and challenges for the hospice clinician

8.55am

Professor Jo Coast, University of Bristol and **Dr Kathy Armour**, Marie Curie Hospice West Midlands
Generating multi-disciplinary research teams and successful research outcomes in hospice research

9.15am

Panel discussion with speakers as well as Sarah Russell, Head of Research and Innovation, Hospice UK, and Marie Curie Research Leads

Research in palliative and end of life care is urgently needed to address knowledge gaps that have been highlighted by the Palliative and end of life care Priority Setting Partnership (PeolcPSP) with the James Lind Alliance

(<http://www.palliativecarepsp.org.uk/finalreport/>) and the recent draft NICE guidelines on care of the dying adult.

Recruiting to palliative and end of life care research studies is a challenge and hospices have a role to play in enabling studies to reach their recruitment target. Patients and families value the contribution they can make by taking part in research studies, if they are being asked in the right way.

However, research activity in hospices, with a few notable exceptions, is in its infancy. The 2013 report 'Research in palliative care: can hospices afford not to be involved?' commissioned by the Commission into the Future of Hospice Care, identified a number of barriers that prevent hospices from being engaged in research. Many hospices are now interested in becoming more research active but are not clear about the requirements for e.g. research governance and other resources needed to take part in research studies. Research funds for palliative care are scarce and the charitable sector is in a unique position to bring together donors and researchers.

In this masterclass, we will explore how hospices can become active in research, making links with academia, joining multi-centre studies, implementing research governance and training new researchers. We will show examples of how hospices have developed their portfolio and point to resources that are available to help. We want to help hospices raise their profile and once again, make a concerted contribution to academic palliative care.