

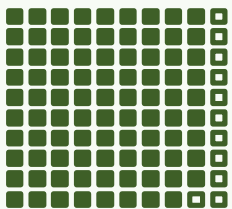
National Audit of Care at the End of Life 2018 – Key findings at a glance

Recognising the possibility of imminent death

9.1



36 hours
Median time between recognition and death



89%
Case notes recorded that the patient might die imminently

Involvement in decision making

8.4

81%
Families/carers reported that the patient was either involved in decision making as much as they wanted to be or were unable to be involved



80%
Case notes recorded discussions by a senior clinician regarding CPR with families/carers



302
Organisational audits



11,034
Case Note Reviews



790
Quality Surveys

Families' and others' experience of care

7.1

80%
Families/carers felt the quality of care provided to the patient was good, excellent or outstanding



Communication with the dying person

6.9

68%
Case notes recorded discussions with patients about medication, nutrition and hydration, or a reason why these did not take place



67%
Families/carers reported communication was sensitive 'definitely', or 'to some extent'



Individual plan of care

7.4



62%
Case notes recorded an individualised plan of care



75%
Families/carers felt hospital was the right place for the patient to die



76%
Families/carers felt the quality of care provided to themselves was good, excellent or outstanding

Communication with families and others

6.6

62%
Case notes recorded that families/carers had the opportunity to discuss the patient's plan of care



84%
Case notes recorded families/carers were notified of the patient's imminent death



Needs of families and other

6.1

56%
Case notes recorded that the families/carers needs were asked about



82%
Families/carers felt supported by the hospital staff after the patient's death



Governance

9.5

94%
Organisations have an identified member of the board with responsibility for end of life care



92%
Organisations have specific care arrangements to enable rapid discharge home to die



Workforce

7.6

97%
Hospitals have access to a specialist palliative care service



52%
Hospitals have specialist palliative care nurses available 9-5, 7 days a week for face to face contacts

