

Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust End of Life Care Update for HOSP Sept 2012

The medicine for older people end of life care support team continue to see high numbers of patients at the end of their lives with activity figures given below.

	Number of patients seen	Deaths	Number of deaths on LCDP	Discharges
Mar-12	76	53	45 (85%)	12
Apr-12	68	47	37 (79%)	9
May-12	93	54	49 (91%)	19
Jun-12	74	51	43 (84%)	9
Jul-12	64	37	30 (81%)	18
Aug-12	72	53	43 (81%)	11

A Liverpool Care of the Dying Pathway facilitator (part time 12-month fixed duration secondment) took up post in early 2012 and is working to improve education and uptake of the Liverpool Care of the Dying Pathway (LCDP) on all our adult inpatient wards.

An average of 52% of adult ward deaths have occurred on the LCDP in this financial year to date (target 50%).

A new specialist palliative care consultant Dr Ian Cairns was appointed in April 2012 as a replacement for the retiring Dr Adrian Ruddle. Dr Cairns will take over as the Trust end of life care lead in the near future.

Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust continues to work with community colleagues on the Locality End of Life Care Register which should become electronic through the use of Adastra software in October/November 2012.

We continue to work with NHS Hampshire, Southern Health and the Rowans Hospice at Home service on a supported Fast Track discharge project for patients in South East Hants who wish to go home to die.

Specialist palliative care and Medicine for Older People Rehabilitation and Stroke end of life care support teams hope to support a pilot of the Amber Care bundle in the hospital in October 2012.

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