

Macmillan Community of Practice Health and Justice

Palliative and End of Life Care / Expected Death in Prison

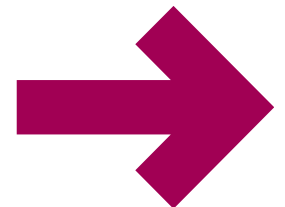
RCGP 4th Health and Justice Summit

Improving Patient Experience in Secure Environment Healthcare

Cardiff – 11th November 2016

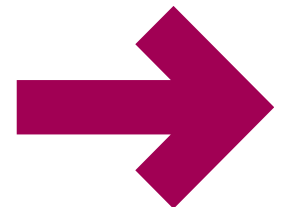
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Aims and objectives

- Understanding of a Community of Practice
- How did we get here?
- Achievements to date
- Next steps for the future
- Your thoughts



What we know...

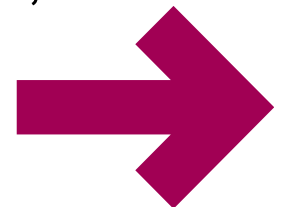
- **Prison population is ageing.**
 - ✓ The over 60s are the fastest growing segment of the prison population
- Ministry of Justice project the population in prison:
 - ✓ aged over 50 to increase from 11,980 in 2015 to 15,100 in 2020
 - ✓ aged over 60 to increase from 4,100 in 2015 to 5,500 in 2020
- Drivers for this demographic shift are:
 - ✓ longer sentences;
 - ✓ prosecutions later in life due to historic sex offences
- Over 80% of older prisoners have serious illness or disability

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/480031/prison-population-proj2021.pdf



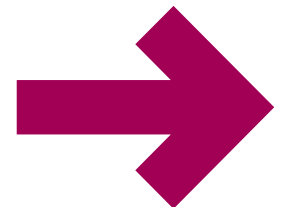
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- More than 80% of prisoners have a mental disorder, and up to 30% have learning disabilities or difficulties that impact on their ability to cope with prison.
- Prisoners life expectancy is 10 years less than people living in areas of highest poverty therefore prisoners come into prison with complex health and social care needs
- Corresponding increase in what are referred to as ‘foreseeable deaths’ in prison — deaths from natural causes that can be foreseen and prepared for, often through the provision of palliative care.



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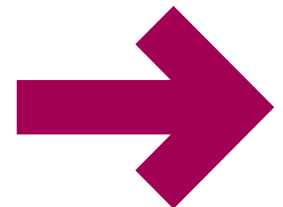
- Prisoners have been invisible to national strategy.
- The provision of end of life care is improving but quality is variable.
- Early release on compassionate grounds.
- Choice of care preferred and permitted – prison.
- Common challenges and themes – care/custody
- Areas of good practice
- Lack of opportunity to learn and share



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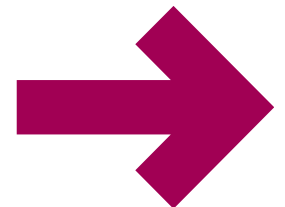
Communities of Practice are groups of people who share a concern or passion for something they do and who interact regularly to learn how to do it better

Jean Lave and Etienne Wenger 1991



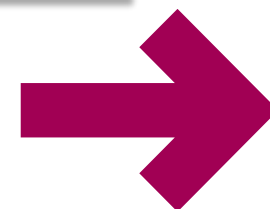
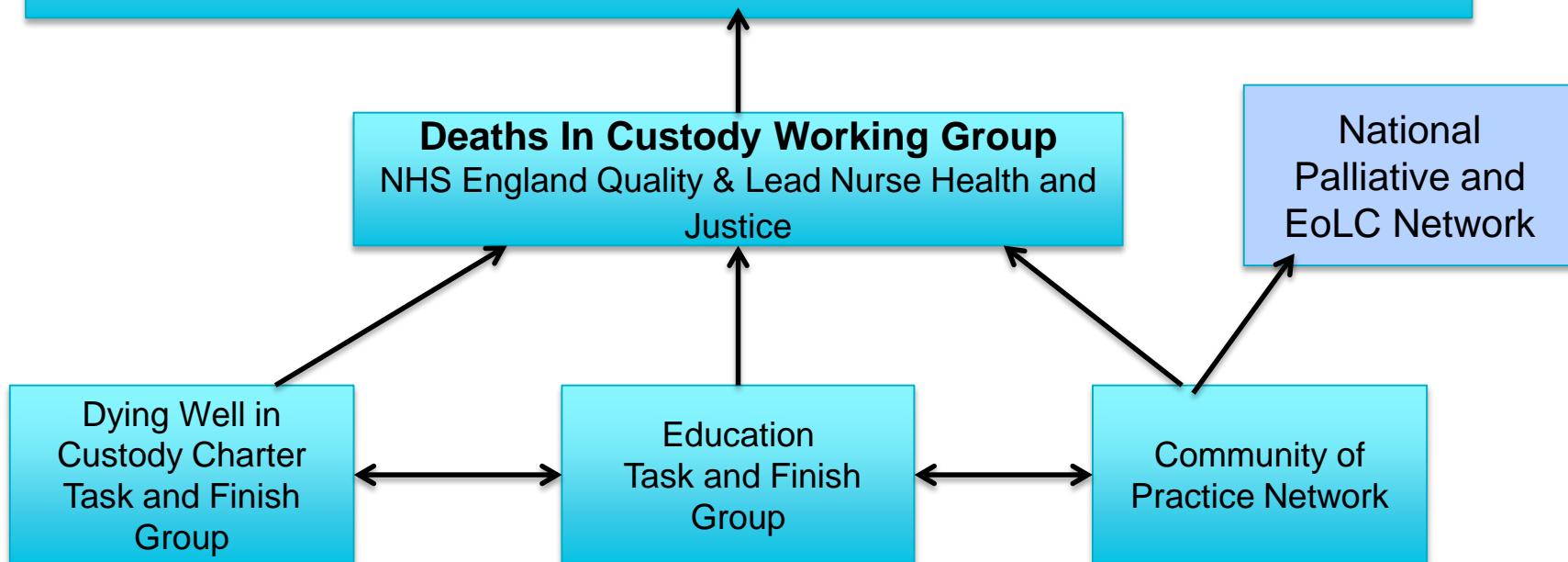
Community of Practice:

- **Domain:** A shared common of interest
- **Community:** Members engage in joint activity, discussions, help and learn from each other and share information
- **Practice :** Members are practitioners who develop a shared repertoire of resources: experiences, stories tools and ways of addressing recurring problems – A SHARED PRACTICE



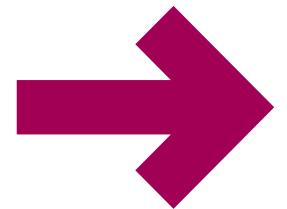
Health & Justice Clinical Reference Group

a cross sector stakeholder group of clinicians, providers, operational managers, research fellows and commissioners.



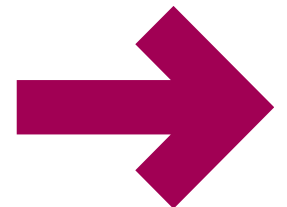
***“How people die
remains in the
memory of those
who live on.”***

**Dame Cicely Saunders (founder of
the modern hospice movement)**



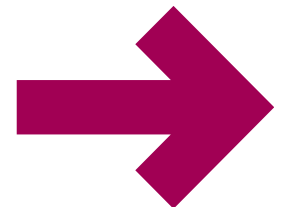
Progress to date:

- Steering Group established
- Communities of Practice Events – North and South
- Dying Well in Custody Charter



Dying Well in Custody Charter

- What should quality palliative and end of life care look like in a custodial setting ?
- What challenges have you come across providing quality palliative and end of life care?
- What are the opportunities for improvement/examples of good practice



Dying Well in Custody Charter

Your Views!

Thank you for listening

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