

End of Life/Palliative Care Report to Copeland Stakeholder Group May 2013

1. **Loweswater Suite, Copeland Unit** - a patient/carer/family experience questionnaire has been drawn up after a meeting with staff and the CPFT Patient Experience Team. I was invited to participate and had submitted suggestions in advance. Feedback will follow when enough patients, relatives or carers have used this. Amendments to the patient booklet have also been submitted.
2. **Deciding Right** - this framework for making care decisions in advance and has been adopted across the county. There is a group working to support its implementation which Ella Cullen has attended to date. There are three facilitators county-wide; the 'local' one is Melvyn Laycock , currently trying to work his way round the GP practices to discuss how to progress this. Work with community hospital staff and acute hospitals will follow.
3. **Dying Matters** - is anyone conscious of this being 'Dying Matters' week? This organisation (www.dyingmatters.org) was set up by the National Council for Palliative Care four years ago to promote awareness of dying, death and bereavement by encouraging people to talk openly about their wishes around end of life (where would they like to die, have they talked to family about their wishes, have they made a will etc). They aim to ensure that 'living and dying well (becomes) the norm'. Is there anything visible in your GP practice about it?

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