



Supportive Palliative Care Education for Multi-disciplinary professionals managing persons living with and dying from advanced heart failure across Scotland.

This education programme has been specifically designed to support participants to develop enhanced professional knowledge, skilled communication and increased confidence to provide optimal supportive and palliative care for persons living with and dying from advanced heart failure. The funding support for this programme has been gratefully received from the British Heart Foundation and the Scottish Government.

Topics covered include:

- **When a healthy heart becomes a failing heart**
- **Optimal Evidenced Based Treatments**
- **Earlier Patient Identification**
- **Comprehensive Assessment**
- **Symptom Management**
- **Anticipatory Care Planning inclusive of priorities and preferences of care/death**
- **Skilled Communication**
- **Bereavement Care**



Delivery Commences 2015 onwards

- 7 days over 12 months
 - 4 essential formal/clinical days & 3 desirable clinical days.

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Dr Karen Hogg (Consultant Cardiologist) and Yvonne Millerick (Lead Nurse Lecturer) would like to invite expressions of interest from heart failure teams across health boards in Scotland to participate in a Heart Failure and Supportive/Palliative Care clinical education programme.

This multi-disciplinary programme will actively encourage participants to engage in clinical case and service development discussion, real time case analysis, and self reflection to support a team approach and optimal care management for persons living with and dying from advanced heart failure. Through critical thinking and evaluation participants will recognise and acknowledge the impact of advanced treatment and communication strategies within their clinical and professional context.

The education programme adopts a blended learning approach and consists of a total of 7 study days (3 formal/workshop education days and 4 clinical days) over a 12 month period. The programme is flexible and can be tailored to acknowledge individual education needs, professional expertise and conflicting priorities. For this reason participants can choose to attend 4 days of the programme which are deemed essential by the education providers. The remaining 3 days are considered desirable and provide additional shadowing opportunities for participants to consolidate and integrate their learning within a supported clinical environment (i.e. during home visits/clinic/cardiology MDT and ward consultations) led and supervised by Dr Hogg and Yvonne Millerick.

Eligible professionals include: Consultant Cardiologists/HFLN's/GP's/Palliative Care Consultant and/or Nurse/District Nurse/Care of Elderly Physician. Other health care professionals are welcome to attend at the discretion of their health board.

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