

Training in Integrated Care

Winner

Princess Alice Hospice

Description of approach and developments

Princess Alice Hospice is a provider of specialist palliative care with in-patient facilities (28 beds), an active day hospice and a community team who support approximately 800 patients at any one time.

The care is provided by a multiprofessional team supported by volunteers. Funding is 23% from the NHS and the remainder from charitable donations.

Education programmes have been developed with the emphasis on multiprofessional working and the palliative care ethos of holistic patient care. Education, being the Hospice's second charitable aim, has a high profile.

Interprofessional Practice Placement

The Hospice is a host for the Interprofessional Practice Placement which brings together students from St George's Hospital Medical School, Kingston University (Nurses) and Brunel University (Allied Health Professionals). The three week placement provides the students with the opportunity to work together in mixed teams, delivering care to real patients in a real ward under the supervision of qualified staff. The patient focus facilitates practical learning about integrated approaches to care. Reflective practice is encouraged and facilitated by a multiprofessional team.

European Certificate in Essential Palliative Care

The Princess Alice Hospice European Certificate in Essential Palliative Care (ECEPC) began as the CEPC in 2001 and promotes multiprofessional learning by offering a distance learning programme which is largely for medical and nursing professionals. Participants are from a wide variety of healthcare settings, community and acute, specialist and generalist. The support offered to the participants is delivered by a multiprofessional team with a background in specialist palliative care. Specialist trainees in Palliative Medicine have the opportunity to develop their mentoring skills as part of the supporting team. The course has been delivered in several countries. It is recognised by the Royal Colleges of Physicians and General Practitioners and by the Universities of Surrey and Ulster.

Medical, Nursing and Allied Health Professional Students

The hospice has a teaching programme for students from St George's Hospital Medical School and Imperial College, Kingston University and Brunel University and offers placements for students from different disciplines to experience palliative care in the hospice, day hospice and in the community. The programmes are delivered by a multiprofessional team.

Doctors

Specialist Trainees

The hospice has two Specialist Trainee Registrars in Palliative Medicine who work alongside Specialist GP Trainee Registrars. There is an active programme of

learning opportunities including weekly educational meetings and journal clubs during which members of the multiprofessional team share their expertise. The trainees also have opportunities to develop their teaching skills by delivering teaching sessions to multiprofessional and lay groups.

Foundation Year Doctors

The hospice also offers taster days and weeks for Foundation Year doctors interested in Palliative Medicine. A programme is arranged to enhance the doctor's experience in multiprofessional working and integrated care.

MSc Projects

The hospice has links with a range of universities to enable multiprofessional staff to undertake MScs or further degrees.

In future, the education offered at Princess Alice Hospice will be further developed to increase flexibility of access, including e-learning packages and other courses designed to meet the educational needs of professionals in a wide range of health and social care settings. In line with our philosophy of education, these programmes will be developed by and for the multiprofessional team.

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