



**North West London Collaboration of Clinical  
Commissioning Groups**

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Dear Colleague,

Review of Palliative Care Services – Tri-borough and Brent

Earlier this year, the [independent review of palliative care services](#) was published. This review had a clinical focus and included a “Call for evidence”. The review was led by Independent Chair, Penny Hansford, supported by a Clinical Steering Group (CSG) which reviewed national strategy, policy and best practice alongside local context and the need to develop a sustainable clinical model.

Work has now been progressing across the four boroughs (Hammersmith and Fulham, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster and Brent) to look at how we address the challenges and inequalities highlighted in the report and develop services in line with the recommendations. This includes:

- Reducing inequity of specialist palliative care services within the boroughs
- Reducing inequity of access to the services, with only 48% of people who have an expected death having any contact with community palliative care services;
- Supporting patients who would prefer to die in their own home but are unable to; and
- Improving funding arrangements for the services from the CCGs.

Our aim is to continue to work collaboratively with local people to produce a proposal for a new model of care for the future.

We are inviting people to participate in the on-going development of this work by joining the “Patient & Public Palliative Care Working Group”, which will work closely with our group of clinicians, palliative care service and commissioning staff. The group will be representative across the four boroughs and will meet monthly.

Public workshops

In addition, public workshops will be taking place this Autumn where people *from each borough* will be invited to join health care professionals and staff from our services in a development session on the future model of care.

For a full update and further information on taking part in either of the above and to register to attend, please visit our website <https://www.centrallondonccg.nhs.uk/your-services/palliative-care/palliative-care-services-moving-forward.aspx>



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*Kind Regards*

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*Dr Neville Pursell*  
Chairman Central London CCG

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*Jules Martin*  
Managing Director Central London CCG