



Gold Standard Bereavement Care

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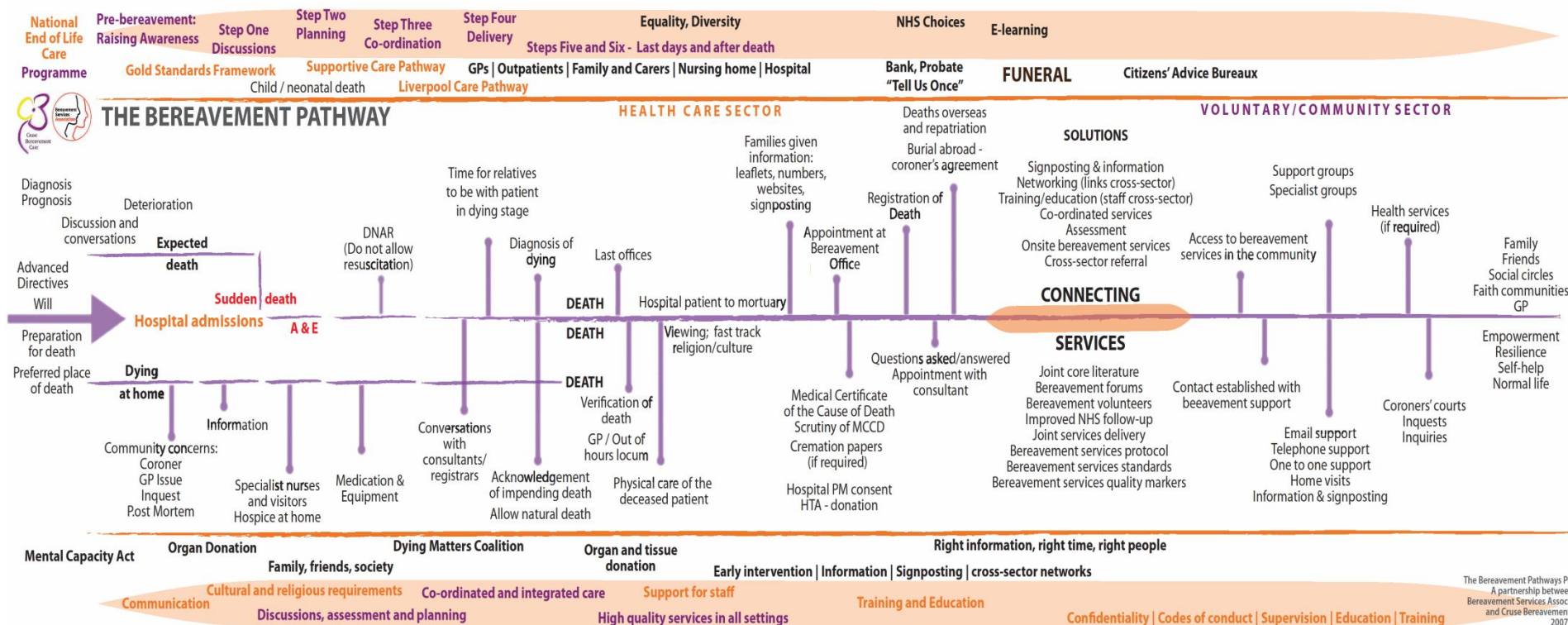
Background



- BSA
- Cruse Bereavement Care
- Bereavement Pathways Project
- Gold Standard Bereavement Care
- National Working Alliance for Bereavement



Bereavement Pathway





Data



User experience gathered:

- Discussion groups with bereaved people
- Engaging stakeholders via national and local stakeholder events
- Data analysis
- Mapping national current service provision of NHS and VCS provision



Menu of Solutions



- Provision of Joint Core Literature
- Improved assessment
- Improved follow-up from NHS services
- Cross-sector networking
- Cross-sector development of bereavement services

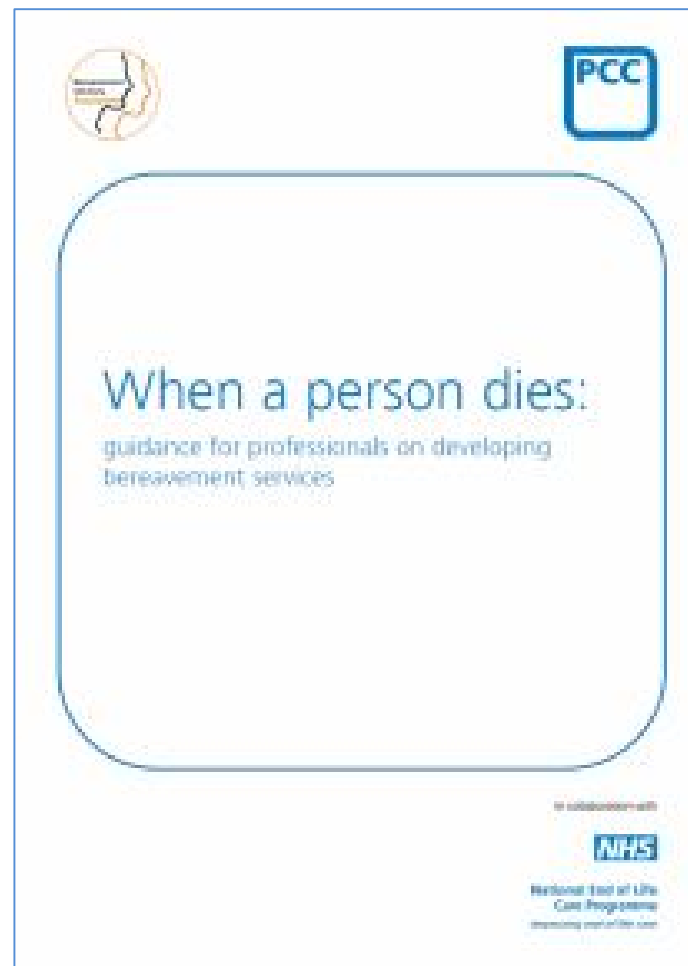


Gold Standard Bereavement Care Project

Putting Theory in to Practice



- Join up NHS & VCS Bereavement Care providers
- Develop online portal for the Bereavement Care Pathway
- Revise 'When a Patient Dies', 2005
- Revise 'UK Standards for Bereavement Care', 2001





Training and Education



Working together to create a national training package which joins together key elements of :

- 'When a Person Dies training'
- Cruse Bereavement Care ABC Training



Lessons Learnt



- No one solution to bridging the gap but the 'Gap' is narrowing
- Considerable regional variation in services for bereaved people
- A need for universal standards, guidelines and quality markers for the provision of bereavement care
- Training and education



Benefits



- Follows dying / deceased person and their relative /carer's pathway
- Not silo focussed
- Working across traditional boundaries
- Highlighted research opportunities to help bridge the theory / practice gap
- To provide evidence based practice for holistic end of life and bereavement care



Challenges



- Working across traditional boundaries
- Collaboration between organisations
- Bereavement seen as an integral part of end of life
- Keeping bereavement on national agenda

National Working Alliance for Bereavement

- Association of Bereavement Service Coordinators
- Association of Anatomical Pathology Technology
- Bereavement Services Association
- Bereavement Research Forum
- Child Bereavement Charity
- Child Bereavement Network
- Compassionate Friends
- Coroners Officers Association
- Cruse Bereavement Care
- Individual contributors to the field of bereavement care
- National Association of Funeral Directors
- National End of Life Care Programme

Coming together is a beginning,
keeping together is progress,
working together is success

Henry Ford

