

Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre's Biennial Conference

Meeting the Challenges in Palliative Care Research: Data, Delivery, and Diversity

Wednesday 8th July 2026
Middleton Hall, The University of Hull
09:30 – 16:30

PROGRAMME

09:00	Registration and Coffee	
09:30-09:40	Opening and Welcome	Prof Tom Lawson Vice-Chancellor University of Hull
SESSION 1: CHALLENGES IN DELIVERY		Chair: Professor Fliss Murtagh Professor of Palliative Care Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre
09:40-10:10	Crossing the evidence-policy divide: insights, examples and updates	Dr Sarah Mitchell Clinical Associate Professor of Palliative Care University of Leeds School of Medicine
10:10-10:40	Palliative care in rural and remote communities	Prof Mari Lloyd-Williams Professor/Honorary Consultant in Palliative Medicine, Primary Care & Mental Health University of Liverpool
10:40-10:55	Q&A	
10:55-11:25	Coffee break with Poster Viewing	
SESSION 2: CHALLENGES IN DIVERSITY		Chair: Prof Liz Walker Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Culture) University of Hull
11:25-11:45	Addressing inequities; how can we achieve progress and make change?	Prof Jonathan Koffman Professor of Palliative Care Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre
11:45-11:55	Q&A	
11:55-12:05	Oral Abstract: Inequities in Palliative Care and Bereavement Support: An Umbrella Review of the Evidence	Dr Annie Pettifer Assistant Professor University of Birmingham
12:05-12:15	Oral Abstract: Invisible Histories, Unheard Voices: A Systematic Review of Older Lesbians' Experiences of Palliative and End-of-Life-Care	Talya Harris MSc Palliative Care Student Kings College London
12:15-12:25	Oral Abstract: Priorities of integrating palliative care into dementia practice from the perspectives of underrepresented stakeholders: a qualitative study	Dr Ping Guo Associate Professor in Nursing The University of Birmingham

12:25-12:35	Oral Abstract: Socio-economic inequalities in place of death among adults with malignant and non-malignant lung disease: A national population study in England (2018–2024)	Dr Donna Wakefield NIHR Doctoral Fellow, Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre Palliative Medicine Consultant at North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
12:35-12:45	Q&A	All abstract presenters
12:45-13:40	Lunch with poster viewing	
SESSION 3: CHALLENGES IN DATA		Chair: Prof Mark Pearson Professor in Implementation Science Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre
13:40-14:00	Delivering evidence on costs and cost-effectiveness; what policy and practice changes are needed?	Prof Fliss Murtagh
14:00-14:10	Q&A	
14:10-14:20	Oral Abstract: How does palliative care fit into healthcare spending? A secondary analysis of trends in UK palliative and long-term healthcare expenditure	Dr Elisha de Alker Academic Clinical Fellow in Palliative Medicine Hull York Medical School
14:20-14:30	Oral Abstract: Prevalence and characteristics of patients presenting to the Emergency Department with chronic illness and breathlessness: a study using electronic patient records	Dr Joanna M Davies Research Fellow King's College London
14:30-14:40	Oral Abstract: Challenges and suffering of people with advanced illness in rural Nepal: A mixed method multiple case study in four municipalities	Dr M Jane Bates Honorary Senior Lecturer Kamuzu University of Health Sciences
14:40-14:50	Oral Abstract: Patient and family voices about palliative and end-of-life care in the intensive care unit	Dr Stephanie Meddick-Dyson NIHR Doctoral Fellow Hull York Medical School
14:50-15:00	Q&A	All abstract presenters
15:00-15:30	Tea break with Poster Viewing	
KEYNOTE LECTURE		Chair: Prof Fiona Matthews Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research & Enterprise), University of Hull
15:30-16:15	Meeting the challenges in palliative care research: reducing waste, increasing value	Prof Katherine Sleeman Laing Galazka Chair in Palliative Care, Honorary Consultant in Palliative Medicine Cicely Saunders Institute of Palliative Care King's College London
16:15-16:25	Prize Giving – Poster & Oral	Prof Fiona Matthews
16:25-16:30	Closing remarks	Prof Fiona Matthews