

## End of Life Care



e-Learning to enhance education and training for end of life care



The Department of Health's e-learning project for End of Life Care (e-ELCA) is designed to support the implementation of its national End of Life Care Strategy (July 2008). The aim is to enhance the training and education of all those involved in delivering end of life care to people, so that well-informed high quality care can be delivered to these individuals by confident and competent workers across health and social care, including volunteers, wherever they happen to be.

This project delivers accessible, easily digestible e-learning materials in four specific areas identified in the End of Life Care Strategy: assessment, advance care planning, communication skills and symptom management, as well as four additional modules: integrating learning, social care, bereavement and spirituality. Like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, these sessions are intended to complement and support a variety of learning experiences, from the past and into the future, including experiential and face-to-face learning. They enable those who are new to this area to gain some basic pieces of learning, encouraging them and others to take this further and build on prior learning.

The programme consists of over 150 e-learning sessions, all written by subject matter specialists and experts in their particular field and extensively peer reviewed. Each session is around 20 minutes in length and incorporates self-assessment tools, audio and video clips and case studies.

Access to the programme is being rolled out to health and social care workers, including those in the voluntary sector, i.e. a workforce of approximately 2.5 million. Access will be through the e-LfH Learning Management System or the National Learning Management System. In addition, 12 sessions are available on a public-facing website.

This national project was launched by Sir Mike Richards on 21st January 2010 in London, followed by a series of 10 regional launches across England during February and March 2010. Separate launches will take place in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Further information is available at [www.e-elca.org.uk](http://www.e-elca.org.uk)



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