

Report to C4AR on Funded Research Seminar 2016

Palliative Care Research in Care Homes

Tuesday 14th June 2016

Given the focus of the seminar the event was arranged in partnership with the National Research and development in Care Homes Forum and the International Observatory on End of Life Care.

Speakers:

Professor Deborah Parker (Sydney, Australia):

Advance care planning and palliative care: Impact of a national Australian program in long term care.

Professor Kevin Brazil (Belfast, UK):

Promoting Informed Decision Making and Effective Communication through advance care planning for people living with dementia



Dr Sharon Kaasalainen (Hamilton, Canada):

The Namaste Care Program for Residents with Advanced Dementia in Canadian Long Term Care settings

We were also joined by Professor Julienne Meyer who is the Executive Director of My Home Life Programme (MHL), a UK-wide initiative to promote quality of life for those living, dying, visiting and working in care homes for older people.

This seminar aimed to present current international care home research with respect to palliative care for older people. Following the presentations there was an opportunity for discussion and at the end of the day the role of research in care homes was further considered.

There were 30 attendees from a range of backgrounds: managers and care home staff from care homes (both local authority and not for profit organisations), hospices, PhD students and academics.

Feedback at the end of the day was positive and all participants identified their own learning from the day.

The presentations are available if people request them.

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