

# Online public information about advance/anticipatory care planning (ACP): Mapping review of UK and international websites

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Abbreviated abstract: Healthcare information is increasingly internet-based. This review examined UK and international websites offering public information on ACP against recommended standards for health information websites. High quality websites met all readability/display criteria and gave clear information in accessible language. Poorer sites had limited functionality and content was more technical and/or potentially upsetting for lay people. Website providers have important roles and responsibilities in improving people's understanding and participation in decision making and planning for their health and care.

# Background

- ❖ High quality, digital public health information is an essential aspect of universal health coverage. (World Health Organisation)
- ❖ Lack of research evidence on whether public-facing ACP information websites in the UK and internationally are accessible and meaningful to citizens.
- ❖ Review question based on UK Government Regulations (2018) and EAPC definition of ACP: ***‘What is the evidence to demonstrate public-facing ACP information websites are ‘perceivable, operable and understandable and robust within a simple structure and language?’***



# Methods



- ❖ Researchers + public develop search strategy and analytical framework.
- ❖ 20 volunteer citizens review sample of ACP sites to make recommendations.
- ❖ International ACP search via 'google incognito' setting.

- ❖ Open access ACP website.
- ❖ ACP information for general public.
- ❖ Website focused on ACP (based on EAPC definition).
- ❖ From: health service provider, governmental or third sector organisation.
- ❖ Appraised against pre-set inclusion/exclusion criteria.

- ❖ 1158 individual searches (193 United Nations member states).
- ❖ 90 websites focused on ACP.
- ❖ Screened for traffic volume/relevance.
- ❖ 29 websites in final review.
- ❖ UK/Republic of Ireland websites (n=14).
- ❖ International websites (n=15).



# Conclusions

## Accessibility

[www.health.vic.gov.au/patient-care/advance-care-planning-overview](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/patient-care/advance-care-planning-overview)

## Anticipatory Care Planning (ACP): Thinking ahead



[www.nhsinform.scot/acp](http://www.nhsinform.scot/acp)

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[www.goodlifedeathgrief.org.uk/content/advance\\_care\\_planning/](http://www.goodlifedeathgrief.org.uk/content/advance_care_planning/)

Helpline **1800 100 500**

[www.dementia.org.au/about-dementia/i-have-dementia/advance-care-planning](http://www.dementia.org.au/about-dementia/i-have-dementia/advance-care-planning)

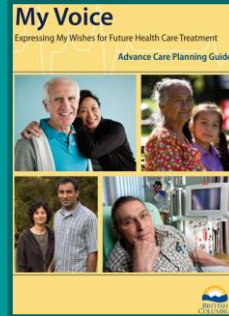
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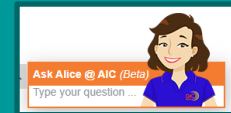
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[hospicefoundation.ie/our-supports-services/policy-advocacy/advance-care-planning-ahds/](http://hospicefoundation.ie/our-supports-services/policy-advocacy/advance-care-planning-ahds/)



[www.aic.sg/care-services/advance-care-planning](http://www.aic.sg/care-services/advance-care-planning)

## OTHER LANGUAGES

- ARABIC | العربية
- CANTONESE | 粵語
- CHINESE (SIMPLIFIED) | 简体中文
- CHINESE (TRADITIONAL) | 繁體中文
- CROATIAN | HRVATSKI
- GREEK | ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ
- HINDI | हिन्दी
- ITALIAN | ITALIANO
- JAPANESE | 日本語
- MACEDONIAN | МАКЕДОНСКИ
- MANDARIN | 普通话
- POLISH | POLSKI
- RUSSIAN | РУССКИЙ
- SERBIAN | СРПСКИ
- SPANISH | ESPAÑOL
- TAGALOG | TAGALOG
- TURKISH | TÜRKÇE
- VIETNAMESE | TIẾNG VIỆT

[www.advancecareplanning.org.au/](http://www.advancecareplanning.org.au/)

Some websites have many recommended functions/features to facilitate public understanding and support engagement in ACP. Sites focused on the public had more suitable content/language. All sites need to consider and maintain quality standards for display, functionality, accessibility and content/language.