



Faith  
in  
Older  
People

EVERYDAY COMPASSION

FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE  
THE ROLE OF FAITH COMMUNITIES :  
PRACTICAL AND SPIRITUAL

Scottish Partnership for  
Palliative Care Conference  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## Discussion points:

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Do you see faith communities having a role to help people plan for the end of life?

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What is your perception of faith communities supporting individuals and their carers during illness or decline?

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How comfortable, confident or competent do you feel people are in generating or responding to conversations about spiritual issues at the end of life?

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What more could faith communities do to support people who are dying and those who are bereaved?

# Defining spiritual care

- 'that which gives meaning and purpose to our lives be it music, creativity, relationships and or faith'

# What is palliative care

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Improves the quality of life of patients and families diagnosed with a life threatening illness.

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Prevents and relieves suffering of any kind – physical, psychological, social or spiritual

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Promotes dignity and adjustment to progressive illness

THE  
PALLIATIVE  
AND END OF  
LIFE CARE  
FRAMEWORK  
– Scottish  
Government  
2016-21

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“The need for palliative and end of life care is growing and meeting the need is going to require new approaches, fresh ideas and a broad based commitment across Scottish society”

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Principal 3 – “ Each individual person’s physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs are recognised and addressed as far as is possible”