



SNAPC Network Event Report

On Thursday 16th January the first meeting of the newly formed Scottish Acute Palliative Care Network was held in Glasgow. Over forty participants from across Scotland came together with the aim of making new connections, building on existing relationships and discussing the way forward for the network as a vibrant, supportive and influential group.

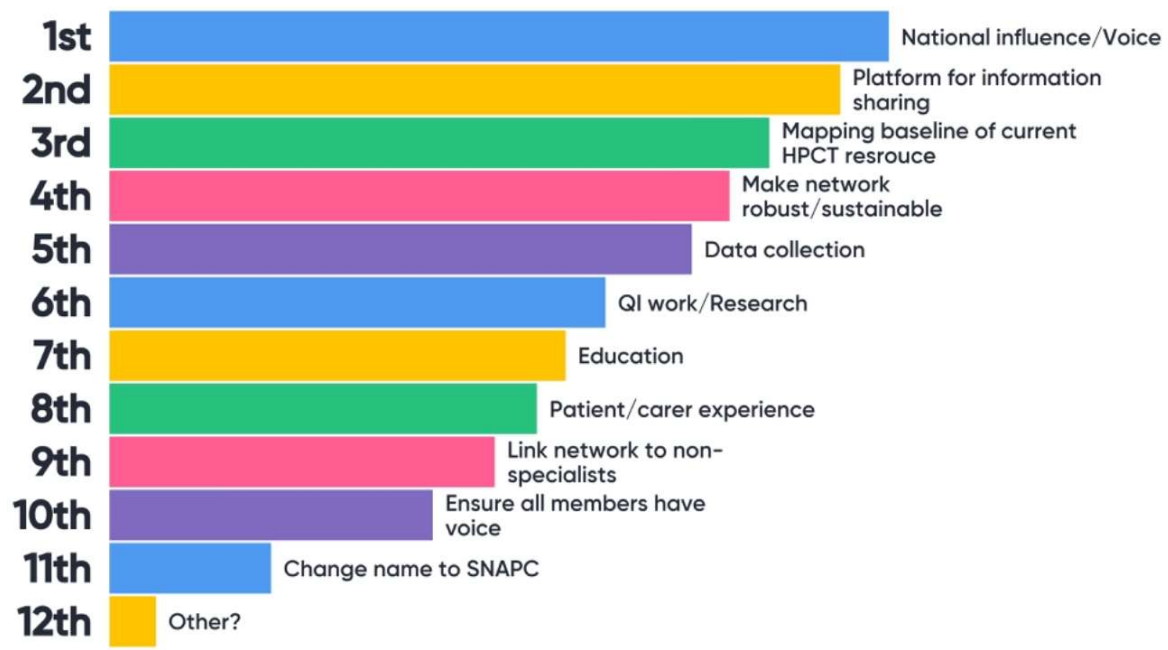
The day started with a who's who, where people shared with each other their team setup, what works well and some of the challenges they face. We introduced our first co-chairs Dr Deans Buchanan, NHS Tayside; Claire O'Neill, NHS GG&C; and Marianne Macleod, NHS Fife. Their experience in acute palliative care from a medical, nursing and allied health profession background will be a great asset to the development of the network in this exciting phase.

Overwhelmingly people reported they felt supported by their colleagues, had good communication and working relationships within their teams in addition to the wider hospital teams that they work with. Key areas for improvement identified were the challenges of meeting the educational needs within a climate of limited resource, the lack of medical support and having limited AHP specialist support.

Throughout the day, we heard about a variety of local pieces of work being undertaken from across Scotland that highlighted the diversity of the work specialist palliative care teams undertake. The presentations ranged from improvements to patient care by specialist pharmacy support and the use of volunteers to ensuring no one dies alone in hospital; to the needs of carers being assessed and a leadership programme for staff. We also heard from Richard Meade who gave an overview of findings from Marie Curie's recent work exploring palliative care in the acute sector and Pam Levack who told us about ways PATCH can (and is) supporting improvement work in hospitals across Scotland.

A large proportion of the programme was dedicated to the discussion and initial consensus of what the priorities and practicalities of the network should be to ensure it meets the needs of its members. Groups debated and shared what they wished to gain from the network, what they could

contribute and what data should be collected. In addition, after choosing key priorities for the network, the participants ranked these in their preferred order:

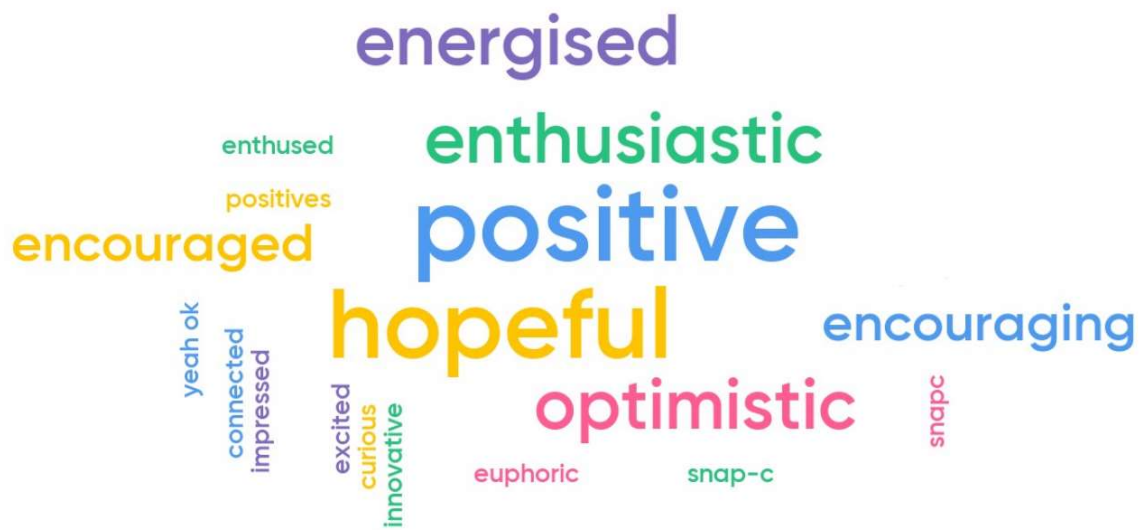


Other common themes that emerged from the tables were:

- The need for robust terms of reference and a commitment to the network to ensure sustainability
- Using the current SPPC monthly newsletter as a vehicle for sharing information
- People would like a mixture of online and face to face meetings
- Ensuring there is a facility to share learning and putting a call out for help when required
- The need for accurate quantitative and qualitative data that reflects the work undertaken by HPCT
- Developing a network that can inform and influence local and national policy

Finally, we launched the grant applications for quality improvement projects which aim to improve an aspect of palliative care within an acute hospital. We have two sizes of grants available (up to £1,000 and up to £10,000) and the closing date is 3rd April 2020. Further information on the grant scheme can be found here: <https://www.palliativecarescotland.org.uk/content/bobscot-grants/>

Throughout the day there was a warm and noisy atmosphere within the room and feedback has been very positive on people's experiences. To close the day, we asked participants how they now felt about the network, and the replies reflect the positivity felt:



Next steps include changing the network name to SNAPC (to make it verbally “snappy” no pun intended!) and we will be working with the co-chairs on the first draft of terms of reference and workplan for discussion with the wider network.

Slides from the day can be accessed here:

<https://www.palliativecarescotland.org.uk/content/BobScot-SAPCN/>

Scottish Acute Palliative Care Network Inception Event Programme

Thursday 16 January 2020

Glasgow, Renfield St Stephen's Centre

10:00 – 15:30

Aims:

- Participants have opportunity to network and understand experiences of other hospital palliative care teams
- Participants have opportunity to share some of their work and hear about the work of others
- Participants have the opportunity to understand the origins, context and opportunities associated with Building on the Best, Scotland (BobScot), and to consider their involvement (and that of their hospital)
- Participants have opportunity to shape the initial priorities and practicalities of the Scottish Acute Palliative Care Network such that the network is established in a way which works for its members and addresses matters which are important to them.



- 10:00 **REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS**
- 1030 **Welcome**
[Mark Hazelwood](#), Chief Executive, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care
[Gordon McLean](#), National Programme Manager, Macmillan Cancer Support
- 1040 **Who's who?** A chance for everyone to briefly introduce themselves and learn about each other and different teams across Scotland.
[Caroline Sime](#), Building on the Best Project Manager, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care
- 1110 **Aims and expectations for the day**
[Mark Hazelwood](#)
- 1120 **Introduction to BobScot:**
 - Origins
 - Phase 1 – Activity and successes
 - QI project
 - Phase 2 – Outline of the 3 workstreams[Kirsty Boyd](#), Consultant in Palliative Medicine, NHS Lothian,
[Mark Hazelwood](#) and [Caroline Sime](#)
- 1140 **Short stories 1: Brief presentations on current work in Scotland**
[Evelyn Paterson](#), Lead Nurse, NHS Forth Valley
[Marianne MacLeod](#), Specialist Occupational Therapist, NHS Fife
[Paul Graham](#), Chaplain, NHS Lanarkshire
- 1155 **Scottish Acute Palliative Care Network (Part 1):** exploring purpose, activities and potential areas of work – group discussions

- 1300 **LUNCH**
- 1330 **Short stories 2: Brief presentations on current work in Scotland**
[Caroline Porter](#), Diana Children's Nurse, Paediatric Supportive and Palliative Care Team, Glasgow Children's Hospital and Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS)
[Jennifer Gray](#), Pharmacist, NHS Tayside
[Claire O'Neill](#), Macmillan Lead Nurse and Clinical Services Manager for Palliative Care, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
- 1345 **National Context:**
[Helen Stevens](#), Team Leader PEOLC, Directorate for Community Health and Social Care, Scottish Government
[Richard Meade](#), Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Scotland, Marie Curie
[Pam Levack](#), Medical Director, PATCH – Palliation And The Caring Hospital
- 1400 **Scottish Acute Palliative Care Network (Part 2):** discussing and gauging opinion on priorities
[Deans Buchanan](#) Consultant in Palliative Medicine, NHS Tayside
- 1445 **Network Practicalities**
Network Co-Chairs:
[Deans Buchanan](#), [Marianne Macleod](#), [Claire O'Neill](#)
- 1510 **Summary of day and key commitments agreed**
Next steps and follow through
- 1520 **Launch of the QI project application process**
[Caroline Sime](#)
- 1530 **Closing remarks**
[Mark Hazelwood](#)

Delegate List: 16 January 2020

Scottish Acute Palliative Care Network Inception Even

First Name	Surname	Designation	Organisation
Elizabeth	Anderson	Clinical Nurse Specialist Palliative Care/ Non-Medical Prescriber	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
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Deans	Buchanan	Consultant in Palliative Medicine	NHS Tayside
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Caroline	Gibb	Truacanta Project Manager	Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care
Paul	Graham	Chaplain	NHS Lanarkshire
Eleanor	Grant	Acute Palliative Care CNS	NHS Lanarkshire
David	Gray	Consultant in Palliative Medicine	ACCORD Hospice
Jennifer	Gray	Pharmacist	NHS Tayside
Karen	Harvie	Consultant in Palliative Medicine	NHS Lanarkshire

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Linda	Kerr	Nurse Specialist in Palliative Care	NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Sharon	Lambie	Lead Nurse	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Pamela	Levack	Medical Director	PATCH – Palliation And The Caring Hospital
Fran	MacIvor	Consultant in Palliative Care	NHS Grampian
Marianne	MacLeod	Specialist Occupational Therapist	NHS Fife
Alistair	McKeown	Consultant in Palliative Medicine	Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice
Gordon	McLean	National Programme Manager	Macmillan Cancer Support
Morag	McMillan	Senior Nurse	NHS Lothian
Richard	Meade	Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Scotland	Marie Curie
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