

The Palliative Care Education Framework 2025

An outcome within the Scottish Government 2025-30 palliative care strategy and accompanying delivery plan is the creation of a new Palliative Care Learning Hub based on the national Palliative Care Education Framework.

Delivery has consisted of two pieces of inter-related work - previous Framework refresh, and Learning Hub creation.

Oversight of both is provided by an expert Advisory Group with representation from across health and social care.

The Palliative Care Education Framework - Aims

- Produce a NES / SSSC joint publication that is applicable to all workers across health and social care.
- To align it to current Scottish Government strategy.
- To refresh and replace the former 2017 Framework, building on existing strengths, and increase use of it.
- To keep it competency based, split into the existing five thematic Domains, and four learning levels.
- To make it more learner-centred, and easier to use.
- To align it with the new Palliative Care Learning Hub.

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Above: Front cover. Palliative Care Education Framework (NES / SSSC, 2025).

2025 Framework structure / layout: Example

06 Domain 1: Fundamentals of Palliative Care

Informed level	Learning outcomes
1.1	Define palliative care for all ages, focusing on what matters to the person, their family, and carers.
1.2	Describe the meaning of holistic care.
1.3	Outline the range of services, agencies and resources involved in providing palliative care.
1.4	Describe your understanding of the legal, ethical, and professional responsibilities in palliative care.
1.5	Understand the meaning of equality, diversity and inclusion in palliative care.
1.6	Reflect on your own views about palliative care and the views of others.
1.7	Describe why your wellbeing and that of others are important in palliative care.
1.8	Reflect on learning opportunities that will develop your own knowledge and skills in palliative care.
Learner's signature: _____ Date: _____	
Person who supports your learning signature: _____ Date: _____	

Above: Detail. Domain 1, Informed level.

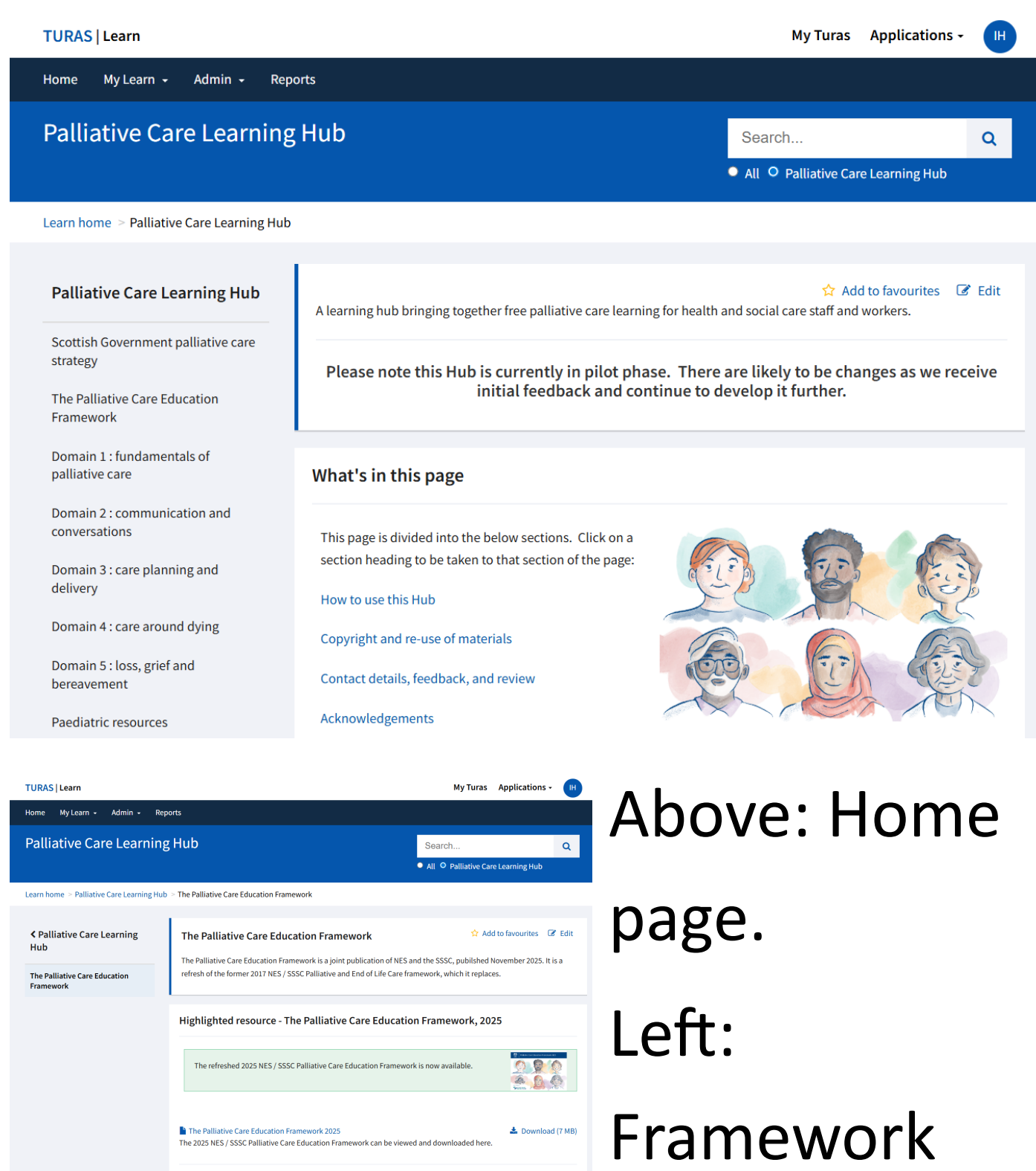
2025 Framework Benefits

The 2025 Framework:

- Is still applicable to all health and social care workers.
- Retains previous domains, levels, competencies approach.
- Is designed for use by individuals, organisations, and HE / FE providers.
- It can be accessed on the Palliative Care Learning Hub.
- The Framework can be used on its own.
- Or it can be used in association with the Learning Hub which brings together resources arranged by Domain.

The Palliative Care Learning Hub

- Launched in pilot mode.



Above: Home page.

Left: Framework page.

How to access the Framework and Hub

- Use the QR code to go to the Hub via your existing Turas Learn account.
- If you don't have an account you can register for one for free at <https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/>



Next Steps

- Framework formally launched 4 November 2025.
- 580 people signed up to the launch event.
- Palliative Care Learning Hub also went live in pilot mode.
- Next event - 26 January 2026, workshop as formal launch of the Hub. Sign up via QR code below.



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