



# Safe Use of Medicines in Palliative and End of Life Care

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# National Picture

- 10 Year Health Plan – the critical role of Pharmacy!
- Palliative Care Commission have called for a strategy
- Health and Social Care Select Committee report expected in the Autumn
- Ambitions for Palliative & End of Life Care
- NACEL (gives an indication of how we're doing)
- Statutory Guidance for Integrated Care Boards (ICBs)
- NHS England Neighbourhood health guidelines 2025/26



# Medicines & Pharmacy Specific

- Marie Curie - Daffodil Standards for pharmacies
- National Pharmacy Quality Contract
- Marie Curie - Better End of Life 2022 & 24/7 Access to Palliative and End of Life Care Medicines in the Community 2024
- Ongoing research
  - Access to controlled drugs for palliative and end of life care in UK Care Homes
  - Access to palliative care medications for people on Virtual Wards across the UK
  - Impact of paramedics carrying just-in-case end-of-life care medications

# The Challenge

- Translating pockets of excellent practice into standard offering
- Navigating the differences commissioned services
- *Keeping the patient at the heart of what we do!*