

Education Network: Statement of purpose

Who is it for

This group is made up of hospice and palliative care educators and those with a remit for hospice education, training, and development across the four nations.

What is it for

The network is for and led by its members. Formed to share information and encourage shared learning and peer-to-peer support amongst the members, providing updates and information relevant to the sector across four nations and allowing members to share challenges and raise concerns. This builds on The Hospice UK Strategy 2024-29 Strategic Priority 2 -

To enhance quality care:

We will support hospices to deliver individualised quality care amid rapidly changing demands.

Our Aims

The network was set up to:

- raise awareness of hospice education amongst other services
- influence partners at a national level
- share the latest thinking in education, staff development and learning with a particular focus on early entry, existing workforce and later career pathways
- share innovative education and workforce models and how they have been implemented
- exchange and share useful resources, tools, ideas and solutions to common challenges
- provide peer support
- consider practical measures that can be taken forward now and for the future
- feedback to Hospice UK regarding challenges faced in education in hospices.

Our work

We plan to:

- have bi-monthly meetings via Teams.
- provide regular updates via Teams NETW Education Network Discussion Group
- circulate, to members of the network only, the notes, resources and video link of any meetings to enable wider access to the learning
- keep the education network webpages up to date, sharing meeting presentations
- encourage hospices to share knowledge, expertise and resources

- provide useful links to other sites to assist with practice development
- act as a link to other networks, such as clinical leaders, and to national partners.

Responsibilities

Hospice UK is responsible for:

- administration of the group
- setting up and facilitating meetings
- sharing useful/relevant updates and information
- circulating the recordings of the meetings with members only
- ensuring resources are available on the website
- using the Quality Improvement methodology to test change ideas
- annually reviewing the needs of the network via a survey
- reviewing the Statement of Purpose annually within the survey
- feeding back any challenges or relevant information to Hospice UK, other networks and external partners
- Use of model of evaluation - <https://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/kirkpatrick.htm>

Members are responsible for:

- Attending the meeting when available
- Taking an active role in meetings especially in breakout sessions
- Having an active presence on the Education Network Discussion Forum
- Promoting the network to colleagues
- If appropriate, sharing experiences and learning
- Supporting other members of the group if required
- Taking part in the development of the network and it's meetings by:
 - completing evaluations at the end of a meeting
 - completing the annual survey
 - suggesting possible topics for discussion
 - suggesting possible speakers
 - presenting on current work or projects that may be of interest to the other members

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