



Neuropalliation and the End of Life

(The Clinical, Ethical, Legal and Pastoral issues relevant to excellent care)

The Royal Hospital for Neurodisability, Putney

18 May 2023

Draft Programme

09:00 Registration and refreshments

09.30 Welcome and Introduction

Dr Amy Kingston, *Consultant in Palliative Medicine, Royal Trinity Hospice, London and Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability*

Chair (AM) **Bishop Christopher Foster** (Board Member and Chair of the RHN Ethics Committee)

FOCUS: **FOCUS THE NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE AND RHN EXPERIENCE**

09.45 **Opening Keynote – Dr Idris Baker, Consultant in Palliative Medicine, Swansea. National Clinical Lead for Palliative and End of Life Care, Wales**

10.30 *Questions & Answers*

10.40 **Clinical Aspects of Neuro-palliation at the Royal Hospital for Neurodisability**

Dr Andrew Hanrahan, *Consultant Physician in Neuro-rehabilitation and Clinical Lead in Neuropalliation, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability*

11.20 *Questions & Answers followed by Coffee Break*

FOCUS: LONG TERM NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS AT THE END OF LIFE

11.40 **The Nursing Perspective**

Rachael Marsden, *MND Nurse Consultant and Care Co-Ordinator, Oxford MND Centre*

12.20 **Interactive Panel Discussion of points raised by the morning speakers – facilitated by the AM Chair**

12.30 **Lunch and Exhibition**

13.30 **Chair (PM) Dr Steven Luttrell**, *Medical Director, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability*
Introduction and Welcome to Afternoon Session

FOCUS: **LEGAL, PASTORAL, AND ETHICAL ASPECTS**

13.35 **Legal Considerations – Complex Best Interest Decisions**

Alex Ruck-Keene KC, *39 Essex Chambers; Wellcome Research Fellow and Visiting Professor, King's College London; Visiting Senior Lecturer, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience, King's College London; Research Affiliate, Essex Autonomy Project, University of Essex; and Special Adviser to the Joint Committee on Human Rights, inquiry into human rights in the care setting*



- 14.20 **Patient-Centred Palliative Care and the Family's Perspective**
Dr Sarah Crawford, Erin Probert and Family Member
- 14.55 *Questions & Answers and Discussion of last two speakers' sessions, followed by refreshment break*
- 15.20 **The role of Pastoral Care and Ethics in Palliative Care**
Dr Trevor Stammers, *Associate Professor of Bioethics and Medical Law and Director of the Centre for Bioethics and Emerging Technologies (CBET), St Mary's University; Editor, The New Bioethics Journal; and Member, Christian Medical Fellowship Study Group on medical ethics*
- 15.55 **Neuropalliative Care at the RHN – Recent Developments, Nursing and Pastoral perspective.**
Matron Sandy Gill and Pastor Geoff Coyne
- 16.20 Questions & Answers
- 16.30 Close
Dr Sophie Duport