



Neuropalliation and the End of Life

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

The Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability, Putney

18 May 2023

Provisional 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 **Clinical Aspects of Neuropalliation at the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability**

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

11.10 *Coffee Break*

FOCUS: LONG TERM NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS AT THE END OF LIFE

11.25 **The Nursing Perspective**

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

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

12.40 **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 MCA 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 **Person-centred Decision Making to Promote Quality of Life in Neuropalliative Care**
Dr Sarah Crawford, *Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist*, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability
Erin Probert, *Clinical Lead Speech & Language Therapist*, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability
- 14.50 *Questions & Answers and Discussion of last two speakers' sessions, followed by Refreshment Break*
- 15.15 **'Walking through the valley' - Personal reflections from general practice and family life on dilemmas around dying**
Dr Trevor Stammers, Former GP and Associate Professor of Bioethics and Medical Law, St Mary's University; Immediate Past Editor, *The New Bioethics*; Member, Christian Medical Fellowship Study Group on medical ethics; Honorary Senior Research Fellow, Spurgeon's College.
- 15.50 **Exploring Family and Nursing Perspectives of Grief and Loss in Brain Injury Residents**
Matron Sandy Gill and Pastor Geoff Coyne
- 16.20 *Questions & Answers*
- 16.30 Close
Dr Sophie Duport