Call for written evidence into experiences of end of life care at home and in care homes during the pandemic

The last two years have been an incredibly challenging time for individuals, families and professionals involved in end of life care in Wales.

Over the last 6 months the Senedd Cross Party Group on Hospices and Palliative Care has been running an inquiry seeking to better understand people’s experiences of end of life care in the community and what we can learn from them.

We are now keen to receive written evidence from those with lived experience, including families and unpaid carers, as well as frontline health and care workers involved in providing palliative and end of life care from the start of the pandemic until the present day.

We want to hear about people’s experiences of end of life care delivered at home and in care homes during the pandemic. In particular, we are interested in submissions answering, but not limited to, the following questions:

- How did changes in health and care services during the pandemic affect the delivery of palliative and end of life care for children and adults at home and in care homes?
- What were the experiences of people receiving end of life care, their families and loved ones at home and in care homes as a result of changes to services?
- Was there inequality in access to care for people from certain groups dying at home and in care homes during the pandemic?
- What positive ways of working and innovative approaches to delivering palliative and end of life care at home and in care homes have been developed during the pandemic?
- What impact has the pandemic had on the health and wellbeing of frontline health and care workers, families and unpaid carers who deliver end of life care in the community and how can they be best supported going forward?

Please feel free to only respond to questions that are relevant to your experience and/or expertise. We would be particularly grateful for specific examples, evidence, and references, wherever possible.

Evidence will be used to inform a short report that makes recommendations to Welsh Government and public bodies in Wales. It will also help to inform the Cross Party Group’s response to the UK Covid Inquiry.

Please email submissions to m.brindley@hospiceuk.org with the subject line “Cross Party Group Inquiry”. The word limit is approximately 2000 and please state who the submission is from, i.e. individual or organisation. We won’t accept papers/reports produced for other audiences.
Alternatively, to arrange a phone/zoom call, please contact Matthew via the same email address.

The deadline for submissions is Wednesday 25th May 2022.

Thank you.

Regards,

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