* 1. **Research**

**Highlights**

* Richard Meade, Head of Policy and Public Affairs and Emma Carduff accepted a prize on behalf of the Primary Palliative Care Research Group at the University of Edinburgh, by the NIHR Charities Consortium on Hospice and Community Research for our translation of our carer identification research to inform legislation (Adult Carer Support Plan).
* We have recently received funding from the Economic and Social Research Council for a project being led by Dr Naomi Richards, University of Glasgow entitled Dying in the Margins. The project seeks to understand what it is like to die in socioeconomic deprivation in Glasgow and Dumfries. The project will recruit patients and families through general practices and will adopt novel methods to maximise inclusivity.

**Current research projects**

**The development of evidence-based good practice guidelines and resources to support children and young people pre-bereavement**

Funder: Marie Curie

PI: Professor Richard Harding

MCHG/MCHE: Currently seeking research governance approval to be recruit at our sites

**Dying at the Margins: uncovering the reasons for unequal access to home dying for the socio-economically deprived**

PI Dr Naomi Richards, University of Glasgow/Co-I Prof Merryn Gott, University of Auckland)

Funder: Economic and Social Research Council, £378K

MCHG: Emma Carduff is a Co-Investigator. She will support the ethical application and the recruitment of practices in Glasgow. Maire O’Riordan is a member of the steering group. The project will launch officially in Sept 2019.

**Information transfer from Hospice IPU and Hospital discharge letter to KIS/ePCS**

PI: Dr Alistair McKeown

MCHG: Collecting data on 30 participants

**Access to palliative care delivered in the community in Scotland in 2017: A mixed methods study.**

Funder: Scottish Government £16.5k

Duration: April 2018 – June 2019

Principal Investigators: Anne Finucane and Prof. Scott Murray.

MCHG/MCHE: Data on KIS generation and the content of KIS is being collected in 18 general practices across Scotland. Findings will inform the development of guidance on the use of KIS to improve emergency and out of hours care for people at the end of life. Scottish Government and ISD have an interest in the outcomes.

**Perspectives of Prison Healthcare Staff on the Provision of Palliative and End of Life Care in Scottish Prisons.**

Funder: Unfunded

Duration: Oct 2018 - June 2019 (estimate)

CI: Dr Kirsty Tolmie

MCHG: The overarching aim of the project is to build relationships with the prisons in our catchment area. Steering group includes Dr Graham Whyte, Dr Emma Carduff, Gail Allen (Macmillan palliative care in prison co-ordinator)

**The nature of complexity in specialist palliative care referrals (Service evaluation)**

Funder:Marie Curie funded Dr Connie Swenson, one day per week for 6 mths

Duration: Jan 2018 – Dec 2018

Principal Investigators: Dr Anne Finucane.

MCHG/MCHE: Data on reasons for referral to hospice is being collected across 4 hospices (Edinburgh, Glasgow, Belfast and West Midlands). Findings will inform procedures relating to referral to hospice, and explore perceptions of need for specialist palliative care.

**Supporting people with palliative and end-of-life care needs “out of hours”: a mixed-methods study of needs, demands and experiences to inform person-centred changes**

Funder: Marie Curie: £192k

Duration: April 2017 – Mar 2019

PI: Prof. Scott Murray

MCHG/MCHE: Emma Carduff and Anne Finucane are co-investigators, Edinburgh and Glasgow hospices are collaborating sites.

**Developing and testing and educational intervention for the management of constipation for people in hospice: a feasibility study**

Funder: Marie Curie: £139k

Duration: Sept 2016 - Sept 2019 (estimate)

CI: Prof. Sonja McIlfatrick

MCHG: Anne Finucane and Emma Carduff are collaborators, both sites are currently open for data collection which will involve staff who will undertake and evaluate an online training programme in managing constipation.

**Feasibility study to assess the potential of the Playlist for Life personalised music intervention as a means of enhancing selfhood and legacy with people at end of life**

Funder: University of Glasgow and Florence Nightingale Foundation

PI: Professor Bridget Johnston, University of Glasgow

MCHG: Emma Carduff is Co-Investigator. Recruitment is at Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice

**Current review projects (scoping and systematic reviews)**

**The experience of living and dying with advanced long-term illness in areas of social deprivation**

Funder: Unfunded

Duration: April 2018 - April 2019

PI: Emma Carduff (MCHG)

Team: Dr Sarah Bowers (NHSGGC) and Dr Maire O’Riordan (MCHG)

**Current Funding Applications (under review)**

**Supporting bereaved families after critical illness: understanding the outcomes and needs of bereaved family members to develop person-centred support interventions** (PI Dr Nazir Lone, University of Edinburgh and Prof Natalie Pattison, University of Hertfordshire) Funder: NIHR, £649K

**Implementing an electronic search tool (AnticiPal) in UK GP practices to Identify people living with terminal illnesses for proactive care planning and well-coordinated palliative and end of live care**. Principal Investigator: Dr Kirsty Boyd. (Marie Curie £215,385)

**Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Music Therapy in Improving the Quality of Life of Palliative Care Patients: a randomised controlled pilot and feasibility study** (PI Prof Sam Porter, Bournemouth University) Funder: NIHR, £1.2M (Unsuccessful, to revisit)

**Acceptance and commitment therapy for adults with advanced cancer (CanACT): A feasibility randomised controlled trial** (PI Prof Marc Sefarty, University College London) Funder: NIHR, £TBC (Unsuccessful, to revisit)

**Student Projects**

**Disenfranchised Dying - Death and dying in Scottish Prisons** PhD, University of Strathclyde Duration: Oct 2018 – Sep 2021

MCHG: Emma Carduff is supervisor

**Exploring the psychosocial impact of living with advanced Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease of those attending two different models of palliative care services** PhD, University of West of Scotland

MCHG: MCHG will be a recruiting site