

Preface

The Kirklees and Calderdale Palliative and End of Life Care Education Group have developed this directory to showcase available training across the localities. New opportunities are regularly added, so please check for updates throughout the year.

The group includes: The Kirkwood, Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust, Overgate, Locala, St Anne's, Mencap, Forget me not hospice, the University of Huddersfield, Local Care Direct, and West Yorkshire ICB.

Our aim is to promote collaboration in education delivery, ensuring consistent standards, equitable access, and improved palliative and end of life care across Kirklees and Calderdale.

We strive to deliver high-quality, evidence-based clinical education across all sectors. By standardising our approach, we ensure training is consistent, quality assured, and aligned with best practice.

We provide specialist training to build confidence, capability, and skills across services, improving care quality for people in our communities.

Providing end of life care is a privilege, but it comes with challenges. We are committed to helping everyone deliver compassionate, dignified, person-centred care—we only have one chance to get it right.

If you cannot find the training you need, please contact a local provider (see back page.)

To join the Kirklees & Calderdale EOL Education Group or for further information, contact:

learning@thekirkwood.org.uk

Education and training sessions

The training below is delivered collaboratively across our teams, ensuring consistency and alignment with national standards and guidelines. This coordinated approach means you can be confident that all programmes are of high quality, up to date, and grounded in current evidence-based practice.

Active Listening

Advance Care Planning

Building Your Resilience Toolkit

Care Home Education

Care of the Deceased Patient

Advanced Communication Skills

Delirium – What You Need to Know

Excellence in Dementia care

End of Life Care Programmes

Grief & Bereavement

Managing Difficult Symptoms

Mouthcare

Caring for Someone's Spiritual Needs

Recognising Dying

Syringe Pump

Personal & Professional Development

Verification of Expected Death

Calendar of training

June 2026	July 2026	August 2026
Wednesday 3 rd June – Care of the deceased patient training - CHFT	2nd of July 10:00 – 13:00 at The Kirkwood Advance Care Planning & Communication Skills	4 th Of August 09:30 – 16:30 at the Kirkwood - Building your resilience tool kit: Self-care in End-of-Life care
Thursday 11 th June - Enhanced communication skills training - CHFT	2nd of July 13:30 – 16:00 at the Kirkwood Advance Care Planning & Communication Skills	
Tuesday 16 th June – Recognising Dying training CHFT	Tuesday 7 th July – Verification of adult expected death training CHFT	
18th of June at the Kirkwood Understanding Ourselves: Personal & Professional Development	Wednesday 8th July- Syringe Pump- for nursing home staff- Locala	
Thursday 25th June – Day 3 - Qualified EOLC champions course CHFT	Tuesday 14th July – Verification of Expected Adult Death- for care home nurses-Locala	
25th of June at the Kirkwood Getting to know the Kirkwood	Wednesday 15th July – Day 4 - Qualified EOLC champions course CHFT	
	15 th July 09:30 – 15:00 at The Kirkwood Introduction to Palliative and End of Life (CPD)	
	15 th July 13:30 – 16:30 at The Kirkwood Active Listening	

Calendar of training

September 2026	October 2026	November 2026
3 rd of September 09:30 – 16:00 at The Kirkwood Working with Grief	Thursday 1 st October – Verification of adult expected death training - CHFT	Tuesday 3 rd November – Day 3 - EOLC champions course for HCAs/Support workers – CHFT/Overgate
Tuesday 8 th September - Enhanced communication skills training - CHFT	1 st of October 09:30 – 16:00 at the Kirkwood - Understanding ourselves: Personal and Professional development	4 th November 09:30 – 16:30 at the Kirkwood Lost for Words/Advanced Communication skills
Wednesday 9 th September- Syringe Pump- for nursing home nurses- Locala	Tuesday 6 th October Enhanced communication skills training - CHFT	11 th of November 13:30 – 16:30 at The Kirkwood Active Listening
10 th of September 09:30 – 13:00 at the Kirkwood Getting to know the Kirkwood	6 th of October 09:30 – 16:30 at the Kirkwood - Building your resilience tool kit: Self-care in End-of-Life care	Wednesday 11 th November- Syringe Pump- for care home nurses- Locala
Wednesday 16 th September-Verification of Expected Adult Death- care home nurses-Locala	14 th of October 09:30 – 15:00 at The Kirkwood Introduction to Palliative and End of Life (CPD)	Wednesday 11 th November- Syringe Pump- for care home nurses- Locala
Tuesday 22 nd September – Communication skills for HCAs - CHFT	Thursday 15 th October - Day 2 EOLC champions course for HCAs/Support workers – CHFT/Overgate	Tuesday 17 th November- Verification of Expected Adult Death- for care home nurses- Locala
Thursday 24 th September – Day 1 EOLC champions course for HCAs/Support workers CHFT/Overgate	Tuesday 20 th October – Advance care planning with communication skills - CHFT	Tuesday 24 th November – Recognising dying training CHFT
	21 st October 10:00 – 13:00 Advanced care planning and communication skills	24 th Of November 09:30 – 16:30 at the Kirkwood Working with Grief
	21 st October 13:30 – 16:00 at the Kirkwood Delirium – what you need to know	
	29 th October 09:30 – 11:00 at The Kirkwood Lost for words introductions	
	Wednesday 21 st October – Care of the deceased patient training - CHFT	

Palliative and End-of-Life Care PgCert



Why Huddersfield?

Keynote speakers

will contribute to the course to enhance your learning

Most courses are offered **blended or fully distance learning**

so you can study from anywhere in the UK.

Taught by passionate academics who have a wealth of skills, **expertise and professional** credibility.

Finance

For more information about funding, fees and finance you can view more information here.



Finance

How to apply

Make an application for a Workforce Development course using the QR code below.



Apply Now

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<https://courses.hud.ac.uk/part-time/postgraduate/palliative-and-end-of-life-care-pgcert>

Education for Care Homes

Overgate Hospice provides specialist palliative and end-of-life care to the people of Calderdale. **If your care home would like to learn more about caring for people at the end-of-life, our Education Team are happy to deliver education on any of the subjects below.**

Communication
Skills

Mouth
Care

Recognising
Dying

Palliative Care
Overview

Pain

Advance Care
Planning

Nausea &
Vomiting

Syringe pumps &
medication (For RNs)

Constipation

Breathlessness

Delirium & agitation
at end-of-life

Bespoke sessions
as requested

For more information, or to book a training session, contact the Overgate Hospice Education Team at education@overgatehospice.nhs.uk

Syringe Pump

Face to Face Education for Nursing Home Nurses 2026

There is no charge for these sessions

This learning package is designed to provide you with the underpinning theoretical knowledge to embark on extending your clinical practice with the use of syringe pumps.

The aim of the training is to equip you with the required knowledge and skills essential to become competent in the use of the Syringe Pumps

This training will be delivered Face to Face

All those who attend will receive a certificate of attendance



The following dates are available:

Eddercliffe Health Centre- Tuesday 10 th March 2026 2pm-4pm
Mill Hill Health Centre- Wednesday 13 th May 2026 2pm-4pm
Eddercliffe Health Centre- Wednesday 8 th July 2026 2pm-4pm
Mill Hill Health Centre- Wednesday 9 th September 2026 2pm-4pm
Mill Hill Health Centre –Wednesday 11 th November 2026 2pm-4pm

Places are limited for Face-to-Face training so please apply early

To book a session please contact: chsteducation@locala.org.uk

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Virtual Verification of Expected Adult Death (VOEAD) Education 2026- 2027

There is no charge for these sessions

This training is available for experienced Registered Nurses and Registered Healthcare professionals providing end of life care to be able to verify the expected death of a resident/ patient. This learning package is designed to provide you with the underpinning theoretical knowledge to embark on extending your clinical practice to verify expected adult death.

The aim of the training is to equip you with required knowledge and skills essential to become competent in verifying expected adult death This training will be delivered virtually by Microsoft Teams

All those who attend will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

The following dates are available:

Wednesday 14th January 2026 2pm-3.30pm
Tuesday 17th March 2026 2pm-3,30pm
Wednesday 20th May 2026 2pm-3.30pm
Tuesday 14th July 2026 2pm-3.30pm
Wednesday 16th September 2026 2pm-3.30pm
Tuesday 17th November 2026 2pm-3.30pm
Wednesday 13th January 2027 2pm-3.30pm

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Education for Kirklees Care Homes, Domiciliary and Supported Living Carers 2026

FREE 1 HOUR ONLINE SESSIONS FOR CARE ESSENTIALS

Available for all care home and domiciliary staff in Kirklees

These informative educational learning packages aim to improve knowledge and quality of care provision.

Certificate of attendance for each attendee



Please scan the QR Code to see the exciting sessions on offer and to complete the booking form:



Locala Care Home Support Education Team

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CQC rating **Good**

locala.org.uk

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Palliative Care Education for Kirklees Care Homes 2026

There is no charge for these sessions

This education is available for all care home staff

These individual learning packages are designed be delivered face to face in the care home or virtually.

All those who attend will receive a certificate of attendance

Most Education Sessions last for 1 hour but some last for 2 hours

Advance Care Planning
Bereavement
Breaking Bad News
Case Study Work
Communication Skills
Recognising the Deteriorating and Dying Resident for both Nurses and Carers
Syringe Pump Education for Nurses
Mouth Care and Oral Hygiene
Symptom Management at End Of Life for Carers
Symptom Management and Medicines at the End Of Life for Nurses
ReSPECT
Verification of Expected Adult Death for Nurses and Registered Healthcare Professionals

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Care Home Support Team Education for Kirklees Care Homes 2026

There is no charge for these sessions

This training is available for all care home staff

These individual learning packages are designed be delivered face to face in the care home or virtually.

All those who attend will receive a certificate of attendance

Most Education Sessions last for 1 hour but some will last for 2 hours

Catheter Care and Hydration for Carers
Diabetes Awareness for Carers
Epilepsy, Seizures and Administration of Buccal Midazolam
Medicines
MUST and Nutrition Awareness
Pressure Ulcer Prevention
ReSPECT
Soft Signs of Deterioration and Observations

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Advance Care Planning & Communication Skills 2026

This full day session is suitable for all practitioners who care for palliative and/or end -of-life patients.

DATES	LOCATION
Thursday 7 th May 9am-4pm	Lecture Theatre HRI
Tuesday 20 th October 9am-4pm	Meeting rm 2 Calderdale Learning Centre

The interactive session will cover:

- Having conversations with patients/residents/clients and those important to them about their wishes for future care/support
- Picking up on cues and supporting people to talk openly about things that may be concerning them
 - Recording and sharing peoples wishes for future care ..

If you would like to reserve a place on this course, please contact our End of Life Care Team by emailing EoLCTeam@cht.nhs.uk

Care of the Deceased Patient Training 2026

Do you want to learn more about caring for deceased patients and their families?

The End-of-Life Care team are facilitating some training sessions suitable for CHFT Hospital staff who care for patients at the end of life.

DATES	LOCATION
Wednesday 3 rd June 9:30-11:30am	Forum Room 1A HRI
Wednesday 21 st October 9:30-11:30am	Meeting Rm 1 Calderdale Learning Centre

The session aims to increase your confidence and competence in caring for a patient that has died. This will include practical care after death, documentation and supporting the bereaved family.

If you would like to reserve a place on this course, please contact our End of Life Care Team by emailing EoLCTeam@cht.nhs.uk

Communication Skills training for HCA's/Support workers 2026

**Would you like to improve your communication skills?
The session will allow you the opportunity to reflect on your
own communication skills.**

**Suitable for HCA's, Support Workers, Care Home and
Domiciliary staff caring for patients and their families at the
end of life.**

DATES	LOCATION
Monday 9 March 9am-12pm	Room 6 Calderdale Learning Centre
Monday 9 March 1-4pm	Room 6 Calderdale Learning Centre
Tuesday 22 September 9am-12pm	Forum 1a HRI
Tuesday 22 September 1-4pm	Forum 1a HRI

The interactive session will cover :

- Why communication is important
- What affects the way we communicate
 - Starting the conversation
- Communicating in difficult situations
- How and where to access support.



**If you would like to reserve a place on
this course, please contact**

EOLCteam@cht.nhs.uk

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Enhanced Communication Skills 2026

Suitable for all registered practitioners who care for palliative and/or end-of-life patients.

DATES	LOCATION
Tuesday 3 March 9am-4pm	Forum 1A HRI
Thursday 23 April 9am-4pm	Forum 1A HRI
Thursday 11 June 9am-4pm	Forum 1A HRI
Tuesday 8 September 9am-4pm	Meeting room 1 Calderdale Learning Centre
Tuesday 6 October 9am-4pm	Meeting room 2 Calderdale Learning Centre
Thursday 12 November 9am-4pm	Forum 1A HRI

The course aims to increase your confidence and competence in communicating with palliative care patients and their carers. There will be an opportunity to practise key communication skills within a set scenario. We will cover scenarios that will include dealing with difficult emotions and questions.

If you would like to reserve a place on this course, please contact our End of Life Care Team by emailing EoLCTeam@cht.nhs.uk

HCA/Support workers End-of-Life Care Champions Programme 2026

This education programme is suitable for HCA's /Support Workers/Care Home Carers/Domiciliary Carers who are passionate about providing high quality End of Life Care for patients/residents and their families.

It will help you develop your confidence and knowledge in all areas of End of Life Care and enable you to take on the role of Champion in your work area.

To become an End of Life Champion, you need to attend all the days listed below.

- Day 1, Thursday 24 September, Lecture Theatre HRI
- Day 2, Thursday 15th October, Forum 1B HRI
- Day 3, Tuesday 3rd November, Forum 1B HRI
- Day 4, Shadowing the care team at Overgate Hospice, Elland (Date and time to be arranged)

If you would like to reserve a place on this course, please contact our End of Life Care Team by emailing EoLCTeam@cht.nhs.uk



End-of-Life Care Champions Programme for Qualified Healthcare Professionals:2026

This programme of education is offered to all **qualified healthcare professionals** who have an interest in end-of-life care and are looking to develop their skills and knowledge.

Next cohort course dates for 2026:

Day 1 - Thursday 30 April – Forum 1A and 1B HRI

Day 2 - Tuesday 19 May – Boardroom HRI

Day 3 - Thursday 25 June – Lecture Theatre HRI

Day 4 - Wednesday 15 July – Boardroom HRI

All who complete the programme will become an End-of-Life Care Champion for their area. The role of the Champion is to provide expertise, support and information to colleagues to enable excellent care for our patients and families at the end of life. We expect you to teach, disseminate information, provide leadership and develop end of life care in your area and support the Trusts end-of-life initiatives.

The programme consists of attending the 4 course dates (as detailed above) plus an 'Enhanced Communication Skills' training day and a day/shift shadowing in a Specialist Palliative Care service.(Further details will be given to you on day 1 of the course)

If you would like to reserve a place on this course, please contact our End of Life Care Team by emailing EoLCTeam@cht.nhs.uk



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Recognising Dying Training sessions 2026

Do you want to learn more about caring for people at the End of Life and improve your knowledge and skills?

The End-of-Life Care team are facilitating some training sessions suitable for CHFT Hospital staff that care for patients at the end of life.

DATES	LOCATION
Tuesday 16th June 9.30-11.30am	Forum 2 HRI
Tuesday 16 th June 1:00-3:00pm	Forum 2 HRI
Tuesday 24th November 9.30-11.30am	Meeting room 1 Calderdale Learning Centre
Tuesday 24th November 1:00-3:00pm	Meeting room 1 Calderdale Learning Centre

Outcomes include:

- ❖ Increased confidence in delivering end of life care.
- ❖ Understanding why recognising dying is important, and what common signs to look for.
- ❖ Discussing management of symptoms at the end of life including an awareness of anticipatory medicines and non - drug measures.
- ❖ Knowing what support is available and how to access.

If you would like to reserve a place on this course, please contact our End of Life Care Team by emailing

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Verification of Adult Expected Death Training 2026

The aim of the training is to equip you with the required knowledge and skills essential to become competent in verifying adult expected death

DATES 2026	LOCATION
Wednesday 18 March 2-4pm	Ms Teams
Tuesday 14 April 2-4pm	Ms Teams
Tuesday 7 July 2-4pm	Ms Teams
Thursday 1 October 2-4pm	Meeting room 6 Calderdale Learning Centre

Please contact the End of Life Care Team by emailing eolcteam@cht.nhs.uk for further Information.



THE KIRKWOOD LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

At The Kirkwood, we are part of a wider community of palliative and end of life care services, supporting people living with a life-limiting illness across Kirklees and Calderdale. We believe that education helps us better support people with a life-limiting illness and those who care for them.

- Delirium Training
- Promoting Excellence in Dementia Care
- Advance Care Planning & Communication Skills Workshop
- Understanding Ourselves: Personal & Professional Development
- Working with Grief
- Active Listening Skills
- Intro to Palliative & End of Life Care
- Building Your Resilience Toolkit: Selfcare in EOLC
- Oliver McGowan Tier 2 Training

For more information about our training courses and our bespoke training courses, scan the QR code below or contact Learning and Development at : learning@thekirkwood.org.uk or on 01484 557 910.



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