

# Marie Curie Research into Practice Conference 2026 Programme

## Monday 23 February 2026

### 10:00-11:30: Opening Session title

10:00 Welcome to the 2025 Marie Curie Research into Practice Conference Sarah Holmes  
 10:05 Men's Sheds - John MacArtney, Rachel Perry  
 11:00-11:30 Presentation of Conference Prizes - Sarah Holmes

### 12:00-13:00 - A Spotlight on: Namaste Care: teaching a multi-sensory intervention for advanced dementia

Nicola Jacobson-Wright, Lorna Reid, Min Stacpoole, Diane Bushell  
 Chaired by Nicola Jacobson-Wright

### 13:30-14:30 - A Spotlight on: Death in ED – is this good care?

Sarah Wilson, Liza Keating, Mary Miller, Douglas Findlay  
 Chaired by Amelia Hollywood

### 15:00-16:00: A Spotlight on: From Partnerships to Practice: Addressing Inequities in Palliative and End-of-Life Care

Jodi Emma Wainwright, Elaine Tolliday, Ashleigh Lois  
 Chaired by Jodi Emma Wainwright

## Tuesday 24 February 2026

### 10:00-11:00 - An insight into homecare-workers' experiences of supporting people at the end of life with actionable recommendations for improving the working lives and wellbeing of staff

Liz Walker, Paul Taylor. Chaired by Ben Gadd

### 11:30-12:30 - A Spotlight on: The end of life information needs of people with a learning disability and those who support them

Amy Matthews, Nadia El Gazar, Sue Taylor.  
 Chaired by Kate Maitland

### 13:00-14:30 - Abstracts Session 1 - Closing the Gap

Chaired by Richard Harding

13:00-13:20 A Rapid Review of Advance Care Planning Interventions, Strategies, and Communication Approaches in Dementia Care Tharin Phenwan

13:20-13:40 Influence of primary and community care service use on hospitalisation among people with dementia in the last three months of life Rebecca DeBruyn

13:50-14:10 Equitable Bereavement Care for All: Co-Designing and Implementing Anti-Racist and Culturally Safe Bereavement Support with Ethnically Diverse Communities Sabrina Bajwah, Catriona Mayland

14:10-14:30 Unreached – A study of Advanced Illness and Financial Insecurity  
 Caroline Mogan, Jo Williams, Sam Quinn

### 15:00-16:00 - Clearing the Way: A Spotlight on: Co-Produced Solutions to Improve Cough and Secretion Management in Motor Neurone Disease (MND)

Caroline Barry, Charlotte Massey, Dorinda Moffatt, Teresa Clark, Shaan Devnani  
 Chaired by Caroline Barry

## Wednesday 25 February 2026

### **10:00-11:00 - The benefits of using mixed methods in the evaluation of Palliative Care services**

Giles Skerry, Hannah Leach, Susannah Baines, Karen Burfitt

Chaired by Emma Carduff

### **11:30-12:30 - A Spotlight on: Death Literacy: Evidence, Measurement and Community Practice**

Stephanie Crawford, Lisa Graham-Wisener, Sharon Williams, Michelle Edwards

Chaired by Stephanie Crawford

### **13:00-14:30 - Abstracts Session 2 - Community Palliative Care**

Chaired by TBC

13:00-13:20 *Paramedic decision-making at end of life* Natasha Campling

13:20-13:40 *General Practitioners' Perspectives on Palliative and End-of-Life Care* Melissa Fielding

13:50-14:10 *Living and Dying in a Care Home – the stories we can tell* Julie Watson, Stephen Smith, Tracy Sayle

14:10-14:30 *Systematic review of adult patient and informal caregiver experiences in virtual or remote palliative care* Emma Barslund Blackman

### **15:00-16:00 - A Spotlight on: It takes a village – Understanding the support that children and young people want and need when an adult is dying or has died**

Jess Timperley, Jean Merrylees, Fenella Prior-Smith, Stephen Marshall

Chaired by Alison Penny

## Thursday 26 February 2026

### **10:00-11:00 - Networking Workshop: From Priorities to Partnerships – NIHR JLA Rolling Call**

Briony Hudson, Lauren Wileman, Jenni McCorkell, Sabine Best

Chaired by Briony Hudson

### **11:30-12:30 - A Spotlight on: Supporting people who are lonely in palliative and end of life care: current approaches and future possibilities**

Emma Maun, Tracey McConnell, Lisa Graham-Wisener, Lisa Shyalaman, Irene Johnstone

Chaired by Natasha Bradley

### **13:00-14:30 - Abstracts Session 3 - Novel Approaches to Care**

Chaired by TBC

13:00-13:20 *Enhancing Palliative Care Through Digital Innovation : A Stakeholder-Led Approach* Rosina Goldsmith, Azi Doost

13:20-13:40 *Enhancing Early Detection of Oncological Emergencies Through AI: Clinician Insights from the Pal-PCS MSCC System* Rosina Goldsmith, Nara Moripen

13:50-14:10 *Workplace peer support among healthcare assistants providing palliative and end-of-life care at home: a realist review* Katarzyna Patynowska

14:10-14:30 *The Limits of Care: Patient, Provider and Systemic Barriers to Addressing Nonphysical Suffering* Maxxine Rattner, Cheryl-Anne Cait

### **15:00-16:00 - A Spotlight on: Shining a light on Nursing, Allied Health Professional and Social Care worker Palliative and end of life care research**

Susie Pearce, Matthew Maddocks, Candy McCabe

Chaired by Susie Pearce