

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