

## Nursing Standard-Marie Curie survey findings



**Q1** Does your role involve care of people who are in the final months, weeks or days of life?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>67%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>33%</b>

**Q2** Have you received any specific training on caring for people who are in the final months, weeks or days of life?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>42%</b>

**Q3** When patients are in the final months, weeks or days of life, how confident do you feel about discussing their needs and wishes with them?

<b>Very confident</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Fairly confident</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Not at all confident</b>	<b>10%</b>

**Q4** When patients are in the final months, weeks or days of life, how confident do you feel about discussing their needs and wishes with their families?

<b>Very confident</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Fairly confident</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Not at all confident</b>	<b>10%</b>

**Q5** When discussing patients' needs and wishes for end of life care, do you discuss their preferred place of death?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>17%</b>

**Q6** If you answered yes to the above question, how often do you feel that patients' wishes regarding their preferred place of death are fulfilled?

<b>Always</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Often</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Never</b>	<b>1%</b>

**Q7** Do you feel you have sufficient time to provide high quality care to people who are in the final months, weeks or days of life?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>67%</b>

**Q8** What, if any, do you see as the main barrier to you being able to provide care to people who are in the final months, weeks or days of life (multiple choice)?

<b>Staffing levels</b>	<b>68%</b>
<b>Time constraints</b>	<b>47%</b>

**Lack of specialist palliative care support** **33%** |

**Lack of provision in community services, such as a patient's home, care homes and hospices** **33%** |

**Funding/resources** **29%** |

**Lack of integration of health and social care services** **27%** |

**Lack of emotional support for staff** **20%** |

**Lack of emotional support for patients** **17%** |

**Not applicable (I don't provide such care)** **7%** |

**Q9** How often do you see/hear about patients who are in the final months, weeks or days of life being delayed unnecessarily in hospital, due to delays in funding/community provision to support them?

<b>Always</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Often</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Never</b>	<b>6%</b>

\*Survey based on 996 responses from UK registered nurses and healthcare assistants to an online survey carried out by Nursing Standard and Marie Curie 6-13 February 2017.

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