

## End of Life Care



e-Learning to enhance education and training for end of life care



The Department of Health's e-learning project for End of Life Care (e-ELCA) is designed to support the implementation of its national End of Life Care Strategy (July 2008). The aim is to enhance the training and education of all those involved in delivering end of life care to people, so that well-informed high quality care can be delivered to these individuals by confident and competent workers across health and social care, including volunteers, wherever they happen to be.

This project will deliver accessible, easily digestible e-learning materials in four specific areas identified in the End of Life Care Strategy: assessment, advance care planning, communication skills and symptom management. Like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, these sessions are intended to complement and support a variety of learning experiences, from the past and into the future, including experiential and face-to-face learning. They enable those who are new to this area to gain some basic pieces of learning, encouraging them and others to take this further and build on prior learning.

The programme consists of over 130 e-learning sessions, all written by subject matter specialists and experts in their particular field and extensively peer reviewed. Each session is around 20 minutes in length and incorporates self-assessment tools, audio and video clips and case studies. A whole module will be devoted to presenting the learner with a variety of clinical scenarios, drawn from real-life situations, to integrate and consolidate learning.

It is anticipated that all health and social care workers plus those in the voluntary sector will be able to access e-ELCA during 2010, i.e. a workforce of approximately 2.5 million. Access will be through the e-LfH website or the National Learning Management System. In addition, 12 sessions are available on a public-facing website.

This national project was launched by Sir Mike Richards on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 in London, followed by a series of 10 regional launches across England during Feb and March 2010. Separate launches will take place in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Over 60 sessions were live at the time of the National Launch, the remaining sessions go live in April 2010.

Further information is available at [www.e-elca.org.uk](http://www.e-elca.org.uk)



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