

# Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre's Biennial Conference

## Meeting the Challenges in Palliative Care Research: Data, Delivery, and Diversity

Wednesday 8th July 2026  
Middleton Hall, The University of Hull  
09:30 – 16:30

### PROGRAMME

09:00	Registration and Coffee	
09:30-09:40	Opening and Welcome	
<b>SESSION 1: CHALLENGES IN DELIVERY</b>		<b>Chair: Professor Fliss Murtagh</b> Professor of Palliative Care Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre
09:40-10:10	<b>Crossing the evidence-policy divide: insights, examples and updates</b>	<b>Dr Sarah Mitchell</b> Clinical Associate Professor of Palliative Care University of Leeds School of Medicine
10:10-10:40	<b>Palliative care in rural and remote communities</b>	<b>Prof Mari Lloyd-Williams</b> Professor/Honorary Consultant in Palliative Medicine, Primary Care & Mental Health University of Liverpool
10:40-10:55	Q&A	
10:55-11:25	Coffee break with Poster Viewing	
<b>SESSION 2: CHALLENGES IN DIVERSITY</b>		<b>Chair: Prof Liz Walker</b> Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Culture) University of Hull
11:25-11:45	<b>Addressing inequities; how can we achieve progress and make change?</b>	<b>Prof Jonathan Koffman</b> Professor of Palliative Care Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre
11:45-11:55	Q&A	
11:55-12:05	<b>Oral Abstract:</b> Inequities in Palliative Care and Bereavement Support: An Umbrella Review of the Evidence	<b>Dr Annie Pettifer</b> Assistant Professor University of Birmingham
12:05-12:15	<b>Oral Abstract:</b> Invisible Histories, Unheard Voices: A Systematic Review of Older Lesbians' Experiences of Palliative and End-of-Life-Care	<b>Talya Harris</b> MSc Palliative Care Student Kings College London
12:15-12:25	<b>Oral Abstract:</b> Priorities of integrating palliative care into dementia practice from the perspectives of underrepresented stakeholders: a qualitative study	<b>Dr Ping Guo</b> Associate Professor in Nursing The University of Birmingham

12:25-12:35	<b>Oral Abstract:</b> Socio-economic inequalities in place of death among adults with malignant and non-malignant lung disease: A national population study in England (2018–2024)	<b>Dr Donna Wakefield</b> NIHR Doctoral Fellow, Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre Palliative Medicine Consultant at North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
12:35-12:45	Q&A	All abstract presenters
12:45-13:40	Lunch with poster viewing	
<b>SESSION 3: CHALLENGES IN DATA</b>		<b>Chair: Prof Mark Pearson</b> Professor in Implementation Science Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre
13:40-14:00	<b>Delivering evidence on costs and cost-effectiveness; what policy and practice changes are needed?</b>	<b>Prof Fliss Murtagh</b>
14:00-14:10	Q&A	
14:10-14:20	<b>Oral Abstract:</b> How does palliative care fit into healthcare spending? A secondary analysis of trends in UK palliative and long-term healthcare expenditure	<b>Dr Elisha de Alker</b> Academic Clinical Fellow in Palliative Medicine Hull York Medical School
14:20-14:30	<b>Oral Abstract:</b> Prevalence and characteristics of patients presenting to the Emergency Department with chronic illness and breathlessness: a study using electronic patient records	<b>Dr Joanna M Davies</b> Research Fellow King's College London
14:30-14:40	<b>Oral Abstract:</b> Challenges and suffering of people with advanced illness in rural Nepal: A mixed method multiple case study in four municipalities	<b>Dr M Jane Bates</b> Honorary Senior Lecturer Kamuzu University of Health Sciences
14:40-14:50	<b>Oral Abstract:</b> Patient and family voices about palliative and end-of-life care in the intensive care unit	<b>Dr Stephanie Meddick-Dyson</b> NIHR Doctoral Fellow Hull York Medical School
14:50-15:00	Q&A	
15:00-15:30	Tea break with Poster Viewing	
<b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b>		<b>Chair: Prof Fiona Matthews</b> Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research & Enterprise), University of Hull
15:30-16:15	<b>Meeting the challenges in palliative care research: reducing waste, increasing value</b>	<b>Prof Katherine Sleeman</b> Laing Galazka Chair in Palliative Care, Honorary Consultant in Palliative Medicine Cicely Saunders Institute of Palliative Care King's College London
16:15-16:25	Prize Giving – Poster & Oral	<b>Prof Fiona Matthews</b>
16:25-16:30	Closing remarks	<b>Prof Fiona Matthews</b>