

## Building bridges to promote integrated work, between hospice care and adult and children's social work, based on patient experience.

### What we are doing

- Developing a model of integrated palliative work with adult and children's social work and hospices



- Local authority social worker and hospices working alongside schools and children's therapeutic services

- The palliative social worker and the

matron in the hospice, hold monthly Palliative Hubs for adult social care workers to attend

- Opportunities for social workers to visit the hospice Inpatient Unit and meet with the multi-disciplinary hospice team.

### Partnership working

"This has been my most complex case to date and with no experience of working with adults at end of life, having the support of someone such as yourself, with such a wealth of experience has been invaluable.

I have found it particularly helpful to have someone else to hypothesise with as well as to share the distribution of tasks."

Support worker



### What we need

- Funding from the Integrated Care Board (ICB) to facilitate Health and Social Care joint work
- Social work training to include palliative care information
- Support for schools and organisations providing therapeutic services for children
- A timely streamline service to promote peace of mind. A palliative single parent shared "I am not dead yet" in response to a lack of her voice being heard by her social worker.

### Why we need it

- To ensure peace of mind and a good death for the dying parent
- Stability for their children and family during and after death
- Support, knowledge and confidence for social workers. Research and feedback tells us social workers do not feel equipped to support people who are dying or bereaved.

### Palliative Social Worker



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