Tayside Palliative Care National Conference
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Modern Dying
New Hopes, New Choices, New Challenges

PLENARY PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

CONFERENCE CHAIR
Dr Deans Buchanan, Consultant in Palliative Medicine in Ninewells Hospital, Dundee

Deans trained in medicine at the University of Glasgow and also undertook a BSc (Hons) in pharmacology. He completed his medical doctorate from the University of Dundee in 2010 on the unmet supportive care needs of lung cancer patients. Following his specialist training in Palliative Medicine in Tayside, he was appointed to a Consultant post in 2011. He is currently Lead Clinician for NHS Tayside Palliative Care. In addition to this, he is the Co-director of the Master of Public Health (Palliative Care Research) programme at the University of Dundee and is an Honorary Senior Lecturer for the University of Dundee. Deans is a Council member of the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care and a core member of the Scottish Palliative and End of Life Care Research forum.

PLENARY PRESENTATION: Constructing Choice in End of Life Care
Dr Kristian Pollock- Principle Research Fellow, Faculty of Medicine and Health Studies, University of Nottingham

Kristian has an academic background in social and medical anthropology. She has carried out qualitative research in a wide range of health care settings, often involving sensitive topics and vulnerable populations. She has a particular interest in patient and public understanding and experience of health and illness, and how this is communicated in medical consultations. Her current research interests include the study of patient experience and communication about end of life care including Advance Care Planning, and public understanding and attitudes to death and dying.

PLENARY PRESENTATION: Employment Law, Social Media and Star Wars
Simon Allison & Andrew Wallace, Solicitors, Blackadders Solicitors, Dundee.

“Simon and Andrew will discuss the modern legal pitfalls of social media in the workplace in a unique, non-lawyer style. Simon is head of the employment team at Blackadders which was awarded Employment Team of the Year in 2016 at the Scottish Legal Awards. Simon has been an accredited specialist for more than ten years and it is his ability to understand the requirements of his clients and provide clear, understandable advice that sets him apart from the rest of the field. He has developed a niche in social media, exemplified by his regular use of Twitter.”
Andrew was offered a position in the employment team in 2015, which he gladly accepted, after completing his traineeship in the department. Even at an early stage of his career, Andrew has developed a specialism in medical practices and presents regularly. Together Simon and Andrew make up two thirds of the team who have a reputation for being able to translate complex legal concepts into common, relatable topics. Both are very approachable and are always willing to lend a helping hand when required.”

PLENARY PRESENTATION: “Case Book: Modern Choice - A means to an End”.

Expert Panel

Dr Katharine Thompson is a Consultant in Palliative Medicine in NHS Tayside. Katharine graduated from the University of Edinburgh and then completed her Postgraduate training in Edinburgh where she became a Member of the Royal College of Physicians. Katharine undertook a Clinical Research Fellowship at Strathcarron Hospice and was awarded an MD in Palliative Medicine in 2008 for her thesis, entitled “Evolution of Global Distress amongst Patients with Advanced Cancer from Referral to Palliative Care Services to Death”. Katharine has presented this research both nationally and internationally. Katharine took up a substantive Consultant post in NHS Tayside having completed Specialty training in the South East Scotland programme.

Katharine is based at Roxburghe House Specialist Palliative Care Unit in Dundee and is Clinical Lead for the Angus Palliative Care Service. She is Co-Director of the Master in Public Health (Palliative Medicine Research), University of Dundee; member of Faculties for the FDA Supporting Trainees with Difficulties and Leadership and Management Programmes and Training Lead for ST Palliative Medicine in Tayside. Katharine is also involved in the development of Undergraduate Palliative Medicine Training and is an OSCE examiner for the University of Dundee.

Jill Nicholls, Heart Failure Nurse Specialist, NHS Tayside.
Jill has extensive nursing experience, currently working as a Heart Failure Specialist Nurse within NHS Tayside for the past 12 Years. For the past two years Jill has chaired the Scottish Heart Failure Nurses Forum; the key priority to ensure high quality education opportunities for members and supporting the networking of teams sharing best practice. Jill is the coordinator for the Scottish Heart Failure Hub, with Scottish Government backing the hub remit teams have been striving to support the local boards to assess practice and identify and improve areas. The hub promotes a developed website, as a contemporary resource for best practice models of information

Lorna McPhail, Senior Solicitor, Central Legal Office Edinburgh.
Lorna graduated in 1980. She joined the Central Legal Office in 2003. Prior to joining the Central Legal Office Lorna was employed in private practice for around 20 years. During her time with the Central Legal Office she has been involved almost exclusively in representing the interests of Tayside Health Board. She has had the
opportunity of forging strong professional relationships with clinicians and other healthcare staff over a wide variety of disciplines. Lorna has represented the interests of Tayside Health Board at a large number of long running Fatal Accident Inquiries. Her day to day workload consists primarily of defending medical negligence claims raised against the Board in both the Sheriff Court and Court of Session. Lorna is a regular conference speaker.

Dr David Rooke, Consultant Psychiatrist and Lead Clinician, Department of Old Age Psychiatry, Stracathro Hospital

David is a Consultant Psychiatrist and Clinical Lead who trained as an undergraduate at Dundee University graduating in 1999. Having then worked locally in General Hospital Medicine patients presenting with a combination of neurological, cognitive and behavioural symptoms lead him into the field of Psychiatry and Dr Rooke became a Consultant in 2008, specialising in Neuropsychiatry and Psychiatry of Old Age. For the last 8 years Dr Rooke has worked across a general community post in rural Angus diagnosing and treating an older age population with both functional and organic disorders. He was instrumental in establishing the Tayside Cognitive Neuroscience Clinic with colleagues in Neurology and Neuropsychology. This service provides assessment and diagnosis to patients presenting with young onset dementia and related memory disorders. In these roles he continues to pursue clinical and research interests in disorders of cognition, functional disorders of the nervous system, theassessment of mental capacity their medico-legal implications as well as an active role in undergraduate and postgraduate medical education.

PLENARY PRESENTATION: “Will this go Viral? Experiences with old and new media, in death, dying and bereavement.”

Mark Hazelwood, Chief Executive, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care

After studying philosophy, politics and economics, Mark became an NHS Scotland Management trainee, moving subsequently through a series of management roles in the Scottish acute sector. He then spent four years running VSO’s international development operations in Ghana, West Africa, a role he carried out as a job share with his wife. Returning to Scotland he became Director of the Multiple Sclerosis Society Scotland, leading the organisation through nine years of growth.

Mark has been Chief Executive of the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care since 2009. The 50+ members of the Partnership span NHS Boards, hospices and other 3rd sector organisations. As well as developing and promoting good practice in palliative care in all settings the Partnership is now leading work to encourage more openness about death, dying and bereavement through the alliance Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief. Recent initiatives include Death on the Fringe, To Absent Friends, a peoples’ festival of storytelling and remembrance.