

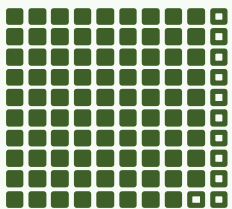
# National Audit of Care at the End of Life 2018 – Key findings at a glance

## Recognising the possibility of imminent death

9.1



**36 hours**  
Median time between recognition and death



**89%**  
Case notes recorded that the patient might die imminently

## Involvement in decision making

8.4

**81%**  
Families/carers reported that the patient was either involved in decision making as much as they wanted to be or were unable to be involved



**80%**  
Case notes recorded discussions by a senior clinician regarding CPR with families/carers



**302**  
Organisational audits



**11,034**  
Case Note Reviews



**790**  
Quality Surveys

## Families' and others' experience of care

7.1

**80%**  
Families/carers felt the quality of care provided to the patient was good, excellent or outstanding



**76%**  
Families/carers felt the quality of care provided to themselves was good, excellent or outstanding

## Communication with the dying person

6.9

**68%**  
Case notes recorded discussions with patients about medication, nutrition and hydration, or a reason why these did not take place



**67%**  
Families/carers reported communication was sensitive 'definitely', or 'to some extent'



## Individual plan of care

7.4



**62%**  
Case notes recorded an individualised plan of care



**75%**  
Families/carers felt hospital was the right place for the patient to die

## Governance

9.5

**94%**  
Organisations have an identified member of the board with responsibility for end of life care



## Workforce

7.6

**97%**  
Hospitals have access to a specialist palliative care service



**52%**  
Hospitals have specialist palliative care nurses available 9-5, 7 days a week for face to face contacts

## Communication with families and others

6.6

**62%**  
Case notes recorded that families/carers had the opportunity to discuss the patient's plan of care



**84%**  
Case notes recorded families/carers were notified of the patient's imminent death



## Needs of families and other

6.1

**56%**  
Case notes recorded that the families/carers needs were asked about



**82%**  
Families/carers felt supported by the hospital staff after the patient's death



**92%**  
Organisations have specific care arrangements to enable rapid discharge home to die

