

NACEL 2026 Key Indicators

No.	NACEL key indicator	Data source
1.	The number of deaths where it was expected that the person would die during the final admission as a proportion of the sample 'all deaths' included in the audit	Case Note Review
2.	The proportion of people who died with documented evidence in their clinical records of communication about hydration with those important to the dying person, or a reason recorded why not	Case Note Review
3.	The proportion of people who died with documented evidence in their clinical records that anticipatory medication was prescribed for symptoms likely to occur in the last days of life	Case Note Review
4.	The proportion of people who died with documented evidence in their clinical records of an assessment of the spiritual/religious/cultural needs of the person, or a reason recorded why not*	Case Note Review
5.	The proportion of bereaved people that rated the overall care and support given to themselves and others by the hospital as excellent or good	Quality Survey
6.	The proportion of hospital/sites with a face-to-face specialist palliative care service (doctor and/or nurse) available 8 hours a day, 7 days a week <i>(Hiatus on reporting indicator in 2026, but will be re-included in 2027)</i>	Hospital/Site Overview
7.	The proportion of bereaved people that strongly agree or agree that they were communicated to by staff in a sensitive way	Quality Survey
8.	The proportion of people who died who had an individualised plan of care addressing their needs at the end of life, where it was recognised that the person may die during the final admission (Category 1 deaths only)	Case Note Review
9.	The proportion of people who died with ethnicity documented in their clinical records	Case Note Review
10.	The proportion of staff respondents that strongly agree or agree that within the area they work there is a culture that prioritises compassion and support as fundamental in all interactions with dying patients and those important to them	Staff Reported Measure

Reporting note: 'Not applicable' removed from overall percentage

