

e-PAIGE: a user-led dynamic online resource for EOLC

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Rationale

- Prognostication in life-limiting illness presents a major challenge within health and social care; it is difficult to predict or identify which patients may be in their last year of life.
- There are a number of resources and guidelines available that focus on improving prediction of need, guiding the delivery of a more supportive or palliative care approach.
- Useful resources are under used in practice due to lack of awareness that they exist, lack of context or lack of accessibility at the time of need.

Unique selling points

- Offers a unique approach to prognostication and management of patients in the last year of life; applicable to all disease groups and care settings.
- Information and resources provided are locally developed or part of the national evidence base; providing professionals with current intelligence.
- Four individual management plans guide the practitioner to tools for best practice; such as referral from hospital to the GSF register in primary care.
- Final management plan covers the first hours and days after death and into ongoing bereavement care.

Access and ownership

The e-PAIGE is to be accessible across all Central & Eastern Cheshire health and social care settings; providing a common language and collaborative approach to the delivery of end of life care.

Local generalists, specialists, voluntary, and social care teams have contributed to the content, many choosing to develop their own page within the site where they can profile their service, upload referral forms and post patient information leaflets.

Vision

The e-PAIGE offers a dynamic, easy-to-use electronic resource across all care settings to support the management of patient pathways during the last year of life and into bereavement.

The resource is based around 'The Surprise Question' first proposed by the Gold Standards Framework.

Would you expect your patient to live:

Months rather than years
Weeks rather than months
Days rather than weeks

The e-PAIGE is a further development of the initial concept developed by staff working at Mid-Cheshire Hospital Foundation Trust in 2009.

e-PAIGE features

Suggestions tab – allows users to share resources, websites, and useful documents.

Learning and development page – regional and national end of life care conferences and training are posted, alongside e-learning and competency frameworks.

Advance Care Planning key resources – all health and social care professionals can access resources and information in order to encourage the development of a common language in this area.

Diagnoses pages – such as dementia and renal disease, practitioners can access disease specific assessment tools and be signposted to information relevant to their patient caseload.

Search facility – for easy access to information and resources.