

EACH Library Care Bulletin

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The latest resources from a range of organisations, journals and web sites. If you have any ideas or feedback on what would be useful for future bulletins, please get in touch:

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1. Dad's Still Standing Podcast – Know Your Legal Rights



Dad's Still Standing is hosted by Matt and Liam, both who have experienced the death of a baby. This episode discusses bereavement leave entitlement, navigating the system, the proposed changes going through parliament at the moment and whether they'll provide enough support to bereaved families.

Available [here](#) – 43 mins.

2. Booklet – Gut Feeling – A Journey Through a Child's Digestive System – a resource for parents, children and healthcare staff

Published last year, this is a great resource for those who teach on the digestive system or know of parents who'd like to know more about how the digestive system works. Written by a parent whose son has very complex digestive and gut problems, it's a really informative read and very well written. Published in collaboration with the Evelina Hospital. Available on line and PDF.

[Gut Feeling – A Journey Through a Child's Digestive System | WellChild](#)

3. Article: How to assess a wound for signs of infection

This 'How to' article provides a systematic and evidenced-based step-by-step approach to assessing a patient's wound for signs of infection. It covers risk factors, signs and symptoms and the characteristics of various wound tissue types.

Stout LC (2025) How to assess a wound for signs of infection. Nursing Standard. doi: 10.7748/ns.2025.e12330

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4. Article: A hospital in-patient unit for children with medical complexity

The number of children with medical complexities is increasing and post hospital discharge, many families describe being on 'a cliff edge' as they struggle with increased caregiving, care-co-ordination, lack of sleep and mental health. This article evaluated a new hospital in-patient service, supporting these families while in hospital. Families particularly valued the role of the clinical nurse specialist and family support worker because of their ability to coordinate care, listen attentively to their needs and assist with practical arrangements for discharge.

Ghotane S, Page B, Ramachandran R, et al. Qualitative evaluation of a hospital-inpatient service for children with medical complexity. *BMJ Paediatrics Open*, 2025;9:e003101. doi:10.1136/bmjpo-2024-003101 ‘

[Access here](#)

5. WellChild Publication:

Two very informative guides from WellChild on the topics of challenging decisions and medical negligence. Really useful for staff looking to be more knowledgeable in these areas and also recommending to families. Published 2024.



Challenging Decisions

“All parents will find themselves needing to challenge decisions on behalf of their children at times. Parents of children with complex needs often have to do this on a more regular basis.”

[Challenging Decisions | WellChild](#)

WellChild Publication: Medical Negligence

“For a parent carer of a child or young person with complex medical needs, there can be a heavy reliance on health services working with you to enable your child to thrive. In most cases, the healthcare system will be able to meet a child’s healthcare needs. However, where there is so much to do and so much to keep track of, children can be particularly vulnerable to errors and oversights in their treatment.”

[Medical Negligence | WellChild](#)

6. Poster: Growing up in palliative care – is there a prescription for transition?

A very useful resources from Children’s Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) pharmacy team, looking at the medication training and knowledge requirements for staff working in adult hospices when young people transition to their service.

[View here](#)

7. Article: Learnings from the establishment and delivery of the UK Collaborative Paediatric Palliative Care Research (CoPPAR) Network



CoPPAR was established in 2022 with the aim to become the single point of information for all pediatric palliative care research across the UK, enabling more effective and efficient delivery of research in the sector. This article describes the learnings from the establishment and delivery of this, along with some recommendations for the future of the network.

[Read full article here](#)

Peat G, Harrop E, Anderson AK, Box D, Murtagh F, Harding R, et al. Learnings from the establishment and delivery of the UK Collaborative Paediatric Palliative Care Research Network [published online ahead of print February 26 2025]. *Health Technol Assess* 2025.

More information, including webinars, newsletters and the CoPPAR toolkit can be found on the Together for Short Lives web site.

[The CoPPAR network - Together for Short Lives](#)

8. Article: Assisted dying in the UK: please don't ignore the impact on children and young people

A very interesting editorial piece, written by Lorna Fraser, Professor of Palliative Care and Child Health, Kings College London, and Jonathan Downie, Paediatric Medical Consultant, CHAS.

Children and young people living with life-limiting conditions may see adults in the media who seem to have similar health conditions to themselves. These adults may be making very clear statements regarding their poor quality of life and stating that their lives are not worth living. Children and young people are also often very aware of the impact of their health and care needs on their parents/carers. The potential effect on children, young people and their parents of these situations should not be underestimated, especially following the perceptions and experiences during COVID-19 where people with disabilities were de-prioritised.

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Fraser LK, Downie J. Arch Dis Child Epub ahead of print: [please include Day Month Year]. doi:10.1136/archdischild-2024-328223. Accepted 22 February 2025

9. Guidance: Hospice UK: Care at and after death

Published at the end of last year, two updated guides from Hospice UK following the introduction of the role of the medical examiner and other changes in October 2024.



[Care After Death: Registered Nurse Verification of Expected Adult Death guidance | Hospice UK](#)
[Care After Death | Hospice UK](#)

10. Article: Care at and after death: an update on policy and guidance

The article reviews current issues that have arisen, which affect the procedure for verification of death, alongside the significant changes happening to death certification and how this may influence clinical practice. The two recent Hospice UK's updated national guidance are the main points of reference.

Laverty D et al (2025) Care at and after death: an update on policy and guidance. *Nursing Times*; 121: 1, 44-48.