

## **We need to talk about Palliative Care**

### **Anonymous Submission**

My father died a few months ago from cancer and I could write a great many things about the experience , both good and bad. I have decided to boil my feedback down to one message ... He wanted to have a painless and undramatic death. My mother had this - under the Liverpool care pathway. My father had a much more cautious and less managed end. Please can we reinstate something similar to the Liverpool Care Pathway, particularly allowing GPs and Palliative Care practitioners to use their discretion in line with the patients expressed , written wishes . My Dad had a fairly quick death but it was unnecessarily torrid for him and his family, especially during the last 4 days. Given that everyone, including my Dad , knew his death was inevitable - and given that he had said he just wanted to 'drift away' why do the protocols not allow this to happen?

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