

ASSOCIATION FOR PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

SPECIAL INTEREST FORUM FOR NEUROLOGICAL PALLIATIVE CARE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

AIMS

1. To encourage the development of palliative care for people with progressive neurological disease – in particular motor neurone disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, Huntington's disease.
2. To provide updates to group members about research and advances in neurological palliative care.
3. To provide a forum for discussion of challenging cases, both by e-mail and through study days.

POTENTIAL AREAS OF WORK

Discussion and development of guidelines for people with neurological disease, which could be shared with neurological services, on topics including:

- Recognition of palliative care needs
- Recognition of end of life
- Palliative care assessment for neurological patients
- Symptom management
- Use of interventions - such as ventilation, brain stimulation

Education of palliative care services / hospices in the care of people with neurological disease

Liaising with neurological colleagues / associations / neurological societies

MEETINGS

A Study Day will be held every 1 to 2 years.

Informal meetings may be held at other times as part of other study days or conferences e.g. Palliative Care Congress.

COORDINATOR ROLE

The Coordinator role will rotate every 3 years, in accordance with the APM Special Interest Forum Operational Guidance. The Coordinator will provide an annual update to the APM Executive, and contribute articles to APM Post when required.

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