ASSOCIATION FOR PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

SPECIAL INTEREST FORUM FOR NEUROLOGICAL PALLIATIVE CARE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

AIMS

1. To promote and develop the availability of palliative care for people with progressive neurological conditions including Motor Neurone Disease, Parkinson's Disease and Parkinson plus syndromes, 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.

AREAS OF WORK

Promoting education around:

- Recognition of palliative care needs
- Recognition of end of life
- Palliative care assessment
- Symptom management
- Triggers for referral
- Palliative care services

Work with neurology colleagues/CNS teams and allied health care professionals to improve gaps in knowledge and promote shared learning.

MEETINGS

Meeting/study day every 1-2 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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