Aims To create a one stop multi-speciality/multidisciplinary Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) clinic working across the boundaries of the NHS and non-statutory services. To provide young men with an opportunity to engage with palliative care services as part of their holistic care.

Methods The professionals visited each other's speciality areas/clinics and commenced a regular meeting to discuss patients in September 2019, the services then commenced a pilot clinic by reorganising existing commitments. The pilot commenced in January 2020 with patient feedback captured post clinic.

Results Despite the challenges of COVID-19, we have successfully run five clinics at Jackspace to date reviewing 22 patients; 18 in person (four virtually). Each patient has been seen by a neuromuscular consultant, cardiologist, DMD coordinator, physio, transition CNS and palliative medicine associate specialist. The service continues to develop and now offers echocardiograms within the clinic.

The patient feedback is universally in favour of continuing in this format. All commented on the improved facilities, ease of access and that it is *'wonderful to see several professionals on the same day'*.

Clinicians highlighted the benefit of this model of care leading to strong communication between professions, saving time and an ability to develop co-ordinated individual plans of care with the young men.

Conclusion Collaboration between professionals and organisations has allowed us to deliver a well co-ordinated, holistic service. It has facilitated the integration of palliative care allowing relationships to build between the multi-professional team and the young men creating a safe environment where conversations about advance care planning can become a normal part of their care.

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LIVING RIGHT UP TO THE END; AN ASSET-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT APPROACH TO END-OF-LIFE SUPPORT

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As specialists in palliative care, Strathcarron Hospice understands that with the right support, people with life limiting conditions, their carers and the bereaved can live well right to the end. The New Public Health Model of Palliative Care recognises that dying is not just a medical issue and that social support is often more important than medical. It promotes the importance of social relationships and encourages engagement with communities to identify the people and assets that can provide end of life support.

At Strathcarron Hospice we have adopted an Assets-Based Community Development approach to enable us to understand what communities can do for themselves, what they need a little help with, and what they need salaried professionals to do for them. We recognise that it is only when agencies start organising themselves the way that people organise their lives, instead of expecting people to organise their lives around services and silos, then true partnerships between citizens and institutional systems will emerge.

As a Nurture Development Learning site, we set out to discover the strengths and talents which exist in our local communities. Working in three diverse communities across Forth

Valley, we have created time and a safe space for citizens, associations, local practitioners and helping organisations to learn together how to make invisible assets visible and productive. We have provided opportunities to break down traditional structures that may stifle creativity.

In doing this, we have moved from the traditional model of volunteer Compassionate Neighbours towards communities where everyone's contribution is valued and people feel connected to each other. We aim to create the conditions to support citizens to come together to create a community where people who are aging, dying or grieving can be supported, with institutions (like the hospice) being there to provide specialist help when invited to do so.

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COMPASSIONATE NEIGHBOURS SHARING POWER AND RESOURCES WITH COMMUNITIES TO DRIVE BETTER END-OF-LIFE CARE

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Background Hospices are experts in end-of-life care, embedded in communities and ideally placed to share our expertise. This is the aim of Compassionate Neighbours (CNs), a well-established programme, growing across London and the South East of England.

Aims The programme aims to:

- Redefine the relationship between hospices and people suffering from social isolation/disconnection.
- Co-design and deliver support for people bereaved or coming to the end of their lives.
- Develop authentic and reciprocal relationships which penetrate the whole community.

Method

- Hospices invite people to train as CNs.
- Trained CNs are connected with community members who seek a new relationship to help them cope with loneliness arising from serious illness/end-of-life care challenges.
- CNs have access to regular support and advice from the hospice/network of CNs.
- The programme was evaluated by independent researchers and studied as part of a completed PhD project.
- Evaluation findings and data on demography and reach will be shared, alongside case-studies to illustrate impact.

Results

- Positive change in the wellbeing of participants, reducing loneliness, increasing connectivity and ascribing meaning and value to life.
- New social capital between the hospice and communities – with power differentials challenged, participants enjoy greater agency and citizens feel increased ownership of end-of-life issues and the hospice.
- Increases in recruiting and matching CNs during COVID-19. There are now over 1,800 CNs.

Conclusions There is growing acknowledgement of morbidity and mortality related to loneliness and social isolation. CNs provide relationships and connectivity for isolated people. CNs increase their own networks, skills and death literacy.