Methods Through a grant mapping process, links have been identified between the PSP questions and current research, using the UK Clinical Research Collaboration’s (UKCRC) Health Research Classification System dataset, providing a snapshot of 2014 data. These links have been coded from weak to interventional.

Results This grant mapping process highlights that although out of hours care is ranked most important by carers and health care professionals, it receives very little research attention. In 2014, no current research proposed an intervention to address the question, and only four grants representing 0.03% of health research spend directly addressed out of hours palliative care. They were funded by the Department of Health and Marie Curie.

Conclusion This work highlights the need for future research funding to focus on out of hours palliative care.