change and ultimately generation of theory (Greenwood, 1994). Six focus groups (n=43) and a survey were conducted to formally evaluate the implementation of the dedicated support within a specialist hospice in the UK.

**Results** The PAR approach was a useful framework to promote ongoing change within a dynamic hospice environment. Interim results found that the Admiral Nurses project provides a useful template to inform change within a hospice environment; demonstrate the breadth of impact of the service from a patient, family and professional perspective; and highlight how such an initiative can be the catalyst for effective strategic and operational change.

**Conclusion** The numbers of people with dementia is increasing worldwide, and issues around effective and specialist support are challenging. Expanding the hospice role to include patients with dementia requires investment in dementia specialist nurses to complement existing hospice expertise.

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**HOSPICE-ENABLED DEMENTIA CARE: JOINT WORKING BETWEEN A HOSPICE AND AN ACUTE DEMENTIA CARE UNIT**

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**Introduction** Dementia is a life-limiting illness that is currently our biggest public health challenge. Despite being the leading cause of death in 2016 (Office for National Statistics, 2017), people living with dementia remain disadvantaged in terms of access to palliative and end of life care (Care Quality Commission, 2016). Hospices have the expertise to play a crucial role in driving improvements, but this challenge cannot be faced alone; what has been called for is ‘hospice enabled dementia care’ (Hospice UK, 2015) based on strong partnership working.

**Background** In 2017, a 14 bedded acute NHS mental health inpatient unit for people with dementia needed a temporary home while its own accommodation was being refurbished. It was agreed that this would be provided in an unoccupied wing of the local independent hospice. Our presentation is the story of this project and how the two services seized the chance to formally evaluate the implementation of the dedicated support within a specialist hospice in the UK.

**Methods** To develop robust training that will lead to the successful implementation of the programme, and through supportive working via visits and close correspondence, embed the programme into their daily care delivery for those individuals. This training is done by an initial full day.