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**Title: There’s no place like home- improving end of life care provided by Homecare Domiciliary Home Care Teams in peoples’ homes using the Gold Standards Framework (GSF) Domiciliary Care Programme .**

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**Aim** Domiciliary care workers play an important but often unrecognised role in supporting people to remain at home as they near the end of life, especially those with dementia and frailty . Despite this, few receive specific training in end of life care. Focussed training enables home care workers to improve the quality of care for such people working with primary care, and contribute to better co-ordinated cross boundary care,

**Method:**

The GSF Domiciliary Care training programme in End of Life Care focuses on enabling generalist frontline staff in end of life competencies. The Train-the-Trainer cascade programme works with Domiciliary care Agency trainers using action based, interactive learning and reflective practice in 6 modules, with virtual learning Zone/DVD, and resources. Comparative before and after qualitative and quantitative evaluation is intrinsic including.

We present an evaluation of progress of several teams using GSF training to Domiciliary Home Care Teams in end of life care.

**Results:**

Homecare workers in various areas of the country show improvements in

* Confidence and competence of home care staff
* Communication, working relationships and collaboration with Primary care .
* More Advance Care Planning discussions, with service users re keen to be involved in these discussions.
* Encouragement and empowerment of staff to advocate for their service users leading to improved communications with other professionals
* Increased awareness of the knowledge they already possessed and future training needs.

**Conclusion:**

This highlights the important role that Domiciliary Care workers play, and the importance of empowering care staff who interact with the service users on a daily basis.

The GSF Domiciliary Care Training Programme boosts the confidence and competence of care workers, improves collaboration and coordination with others and helps to improve care for more people nearing the end of life at home - which is for most the best place to be.