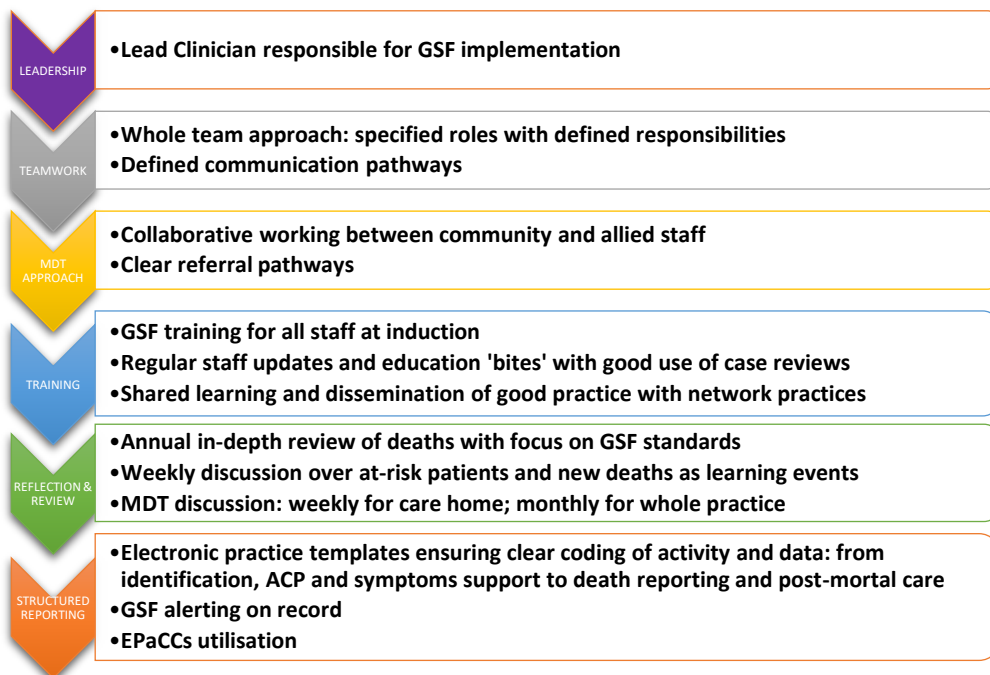




The Impact of GSF Implementation at Chase Meadow Health Centre: A Systematic Approach to Care to Achieve Sustainability

GPs are uniquely suited to caring for patients reaching end of life. We look at the whole person and consider care within the context of the patient's family, carers, and the wider community. Continuity of care and taking responsibility for the many disease episodes over time and coordinating care across organisations provide opportunities for a team approach and collaboration between community-based teams. This is achieved through good pathway development and adopting a culture of audit and monitoring. The robust systems in place through GSF implementation within the practice have helped us accomplish and maintain this.

GSF Implementation: Key Areas



Conclusion

Implementation and adherence to the GSF infrastructure created at Chase Meadow Health Centre has led to a robust and sustained impact on improving the quality of end-of-life care we provide. We have increasingly achieved adherence to patient's preferred place of death wishes (fig.1). In 2014, 43% of deaths occurred in the patient's preferred place of death rising to 74% in 2022. Furthermore, through having a systematic approach to our care for those on our GSF register, this ensures quality measures far exceed national standards and are reproducible year on year (fig.2).

The Impact: Measured Outcomes

Fig. 1 Place of Death- 8 year Trend

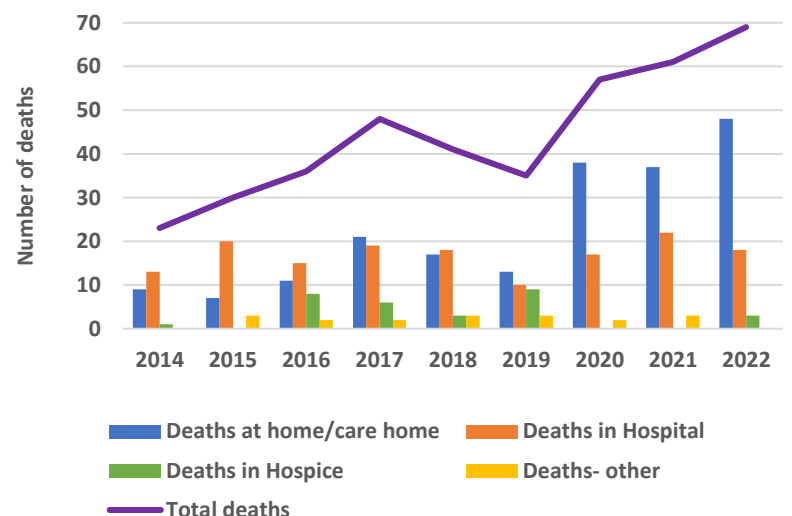
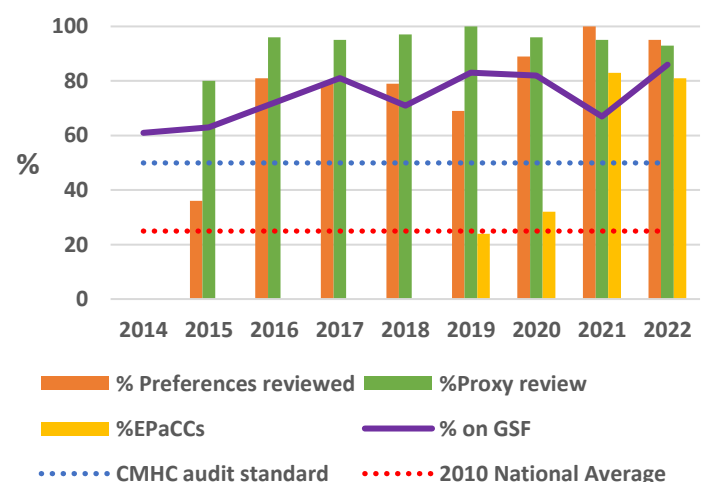


Fig. 2 Achieving a good death- GSF standards



“GSF has inspired us to create a structured framework ensuring patient preferences are consistently communicated and prioritised. Crisis avoidance and reduced distress has helped us to ensure our patients live and die well.”