

**Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board**  
**15 March 2023**

<b>Report Topic:</b>	Sandwell End of Life Care Work – death, dying and bereavement
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<b>Link to board priorities</b>	Please include in your report how your work links to one or more of our board priorities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. We will help keep people healthier for longer</b></li> <li><b>2. We will help keep people safe and support communities</b></li> <li><b>3. We will work together to join up services</b></li> <li><b>4. We will work closely with local people, partners and providers of services</b></li> </ol>
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To update the board on Sandwell End of Life Care work, progress on the Better Endings – Sandwell End of Life Care strategy promises and working in partnership with the Black Country Integrated Care Board (ICB)</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consider and comment on the progress of the Sandwell End of Life Care work.</li> </ul>
<b>Key Discussion points:</b>	<p align="center"><b>4. We will work closely with local people, partners and providers of services</b></p> <p>Since the launch of Better Endings – Sandwell’s End of Life Care strategy in 2021, the Sandwell End of Life Care Strategic group has been working on fulfilling the action points of the 6 key promises as well as align with the 6 ambitions of the Black Country ICB</p>

Palliative and End of Life Care strategy. This has been divided into 2 workstreams one focusing on clinical and quality improvement and one on engagement and compassionate communities. Each workstream has developed their aims & objectives and separate terms of reference. Both workstreams feed into the Black Country Palliative and End of Life Care Board (PEoLC) for oversight and governance.

Following the initial meeting of the Board, it was agreed that members would support the Black Country ICB Sandwell Place End of Life Care Improvement Plan. The key themes of the Improvement Plan will focus on:

- Primary Care
- Education and Training
- Policy & Strategy
- Communications (Comms and engagement with communities)
- Compassionate Communities (Voluntary sector work)
- CYP (Children and Young People)
- Digital

The PEoLC has a project management approach to service improvement/change management and will be accountable to the Black Country System Palliative and End of Life Care Oversight Group as well as the Sandwell Health and Care Partnership and Health and Wellbeing Boards.

The key aims and objectives for each thematic area are outlined in the written report.

**Implications (e.g. Financial, Statutory etc)**

The Ambitions for *Palliative and End of Life Care (PEoLC): A national framework for local action 2021-2026* provides a framework for each Integrated Care System (ICS) to evaluate commissioning and delivery of their palliative and end of life services.

**What engagement has or will take place with people, partners and providers?**

- Consultation / engagement with Sandwell communities providing evidence that people across Sandwell are involved in discussions about death and dying
- Activities during Dying Matters week – mid May 2023

