



Society for Academic Primary Care

## Special Interest Groups - Annual Report 2025

Please submit by 23rd January 2026

### Group Details

**Special Interest Group Name**

Palliative Care

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### Annual Report

As a rough guide for maximum number of words – 400 but if you wish to write a longer report this is fine.

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**Annual Report**

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**Activities**

- Membership continues to grow and includes medical students, academics and clinical researchers from primary care, palliative care and health education.
- A networking webinar was held on Tuesday 25th November 2025 on Microsoft Teams between 1200-1430. Session aims: 1) Connect with colleagues interested in primary palliative and end of life care research; 2) Offer members the chance to present their research, or career insights; and 3) Explore ideas for collaborative projects. Key recent NHSE PC & EOLC updates were presented at this webinar; individual PC SIG members were invited to present their current research and express a wish to collaborate with others in certain fields; and challenges in general practice that currently seem to hinder the GP's role in palliative care provision were discussed. Such content ensured that clinical practice, research and policy featured in this meeting. Members were also provided with information about, and invited to participate in, a BSc study entitled: A project to adapt the National Audit of Care at the End-of-Life (NACEL) to General Practice.

**Future Plans**

- Members of the PC SIG are co-authoring another editorial; this time focussing on the role of the GP in palliative care provision in the context of the increasingly multidisciplinary primary care workforce

- Engaging students with primary palliative care research – e.g. sharing projects for SSCs
- Engaging the primary care multi-disciplinary team in research, including community nurses
- Building research capacity in primary care including through supervision of junior colleagues (e.g. EC supervising medical student BSc intercalated degree project in palliative care)
- Members of the PC SIG will continue to be updated regularly by email about relevant events, courses or conferences that may be of interest.

#### **Evidence of impact of the SIG**

- PC SIG members successfully co-authored and published an editorial in the BJGP last year entitled: Reforming primary palliative care: a call to arms. Another editorial is currently being drafted, on a timely topic related to primary palliative care.

#### **Outcomes from SIG meeting at last SAPC ASM (if held)**

- We will continue to hold quarterly meetings to network, learn from each other's experience and ascertain opportunities for collaboration. The next networking webinar will take place on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 between 1230-1400 on Teams.

#### **How affiliation with SAPC has helped the SIG**

- Platform for annual meeting at ASM
- Opportunity to share progress with academic primary care community through SAPC newsletters / bulletins
- Association with SAPC provides credibility and profile, leading to: opportunities to share plans for research and recruit other interested academics to participate in relevant studies and / or support future proposals e.g. through steering group membership; and opportunities to take part in relevant project work with policy makers