

Why were they admitted?

Exploring hospital admissions close to the end of life

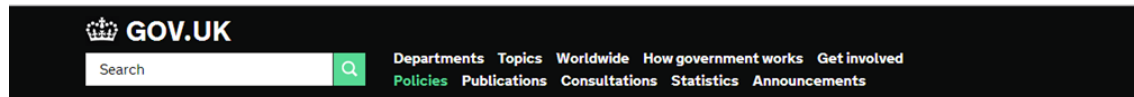
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Why focus on admissions - Home is best?



Policy

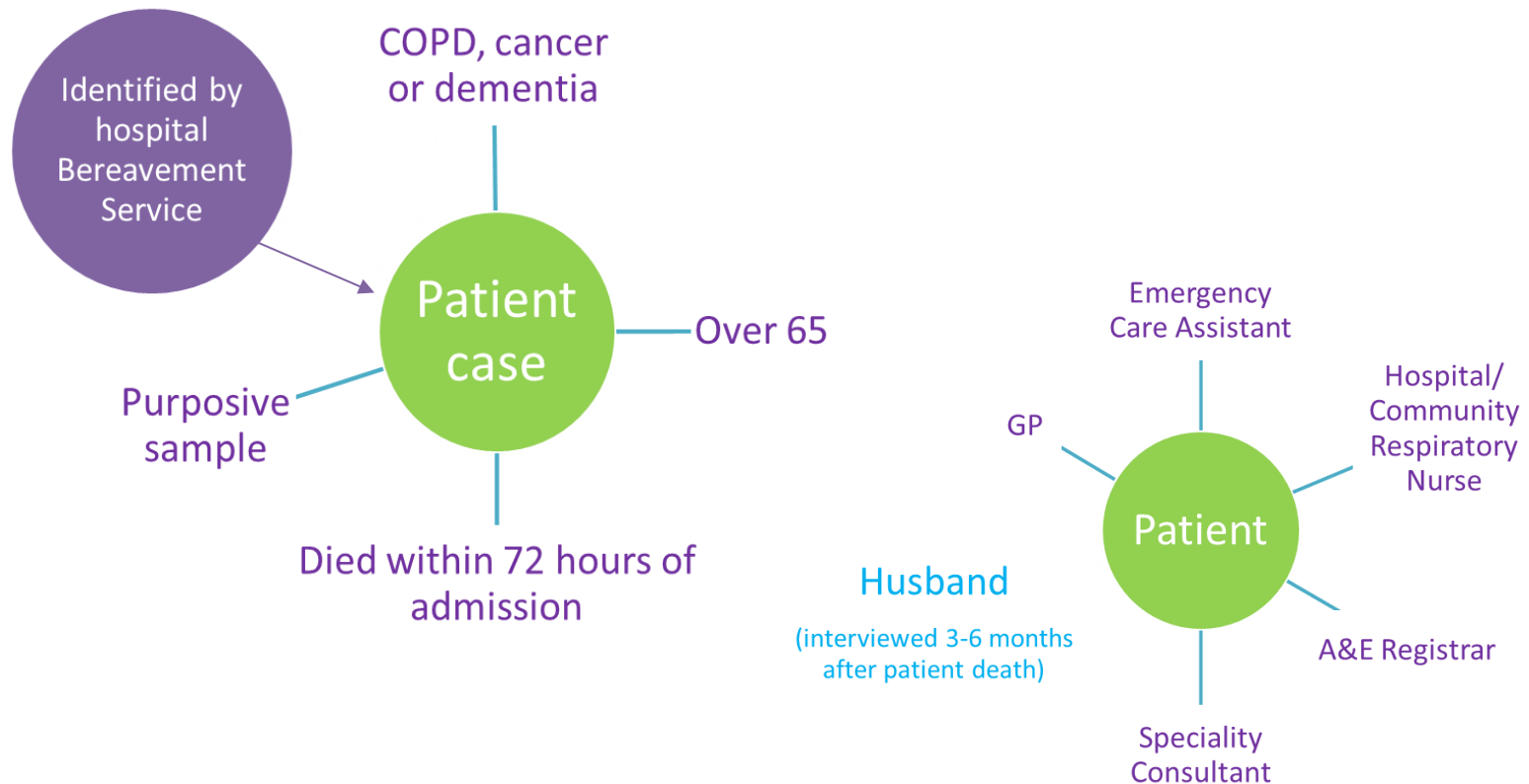
Improving care for people at the end of their life

Issue

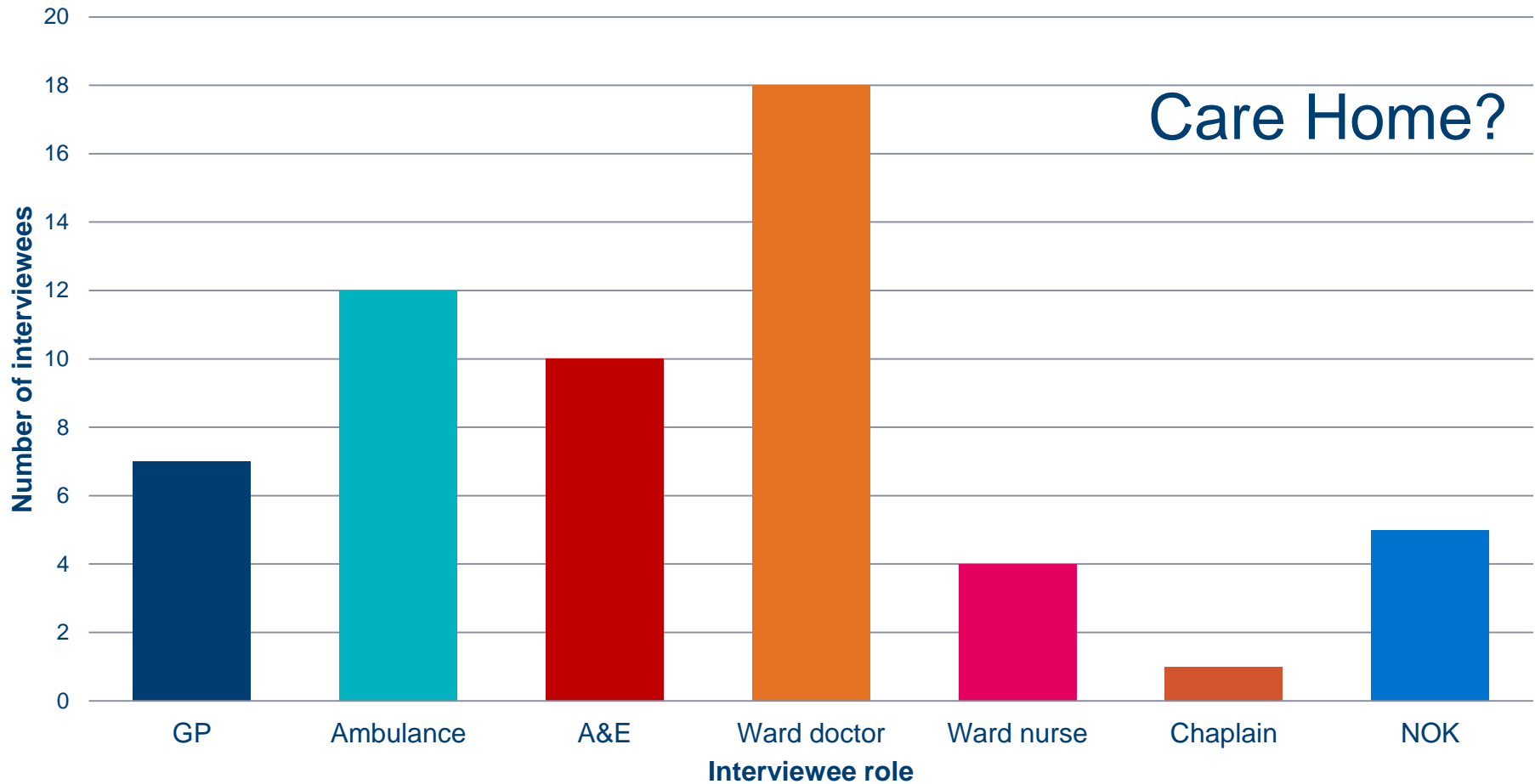
Every year, around half a million people die in England, and two thirds of them are people over 75. Most of these deaths come after a period of long term illness such as heart disease, cancer or dementia.

Although everybody has their own idea of what a 'good death' is, for most people it would involve being without pain, in a familiar place with close family or friends and being treated with respect. 75% of people say they would prefer to die at home. Recently, the number of people dying at home in has increased (42% in 2011), but over half of deaths still occur in hospitals.

Hospital Admissions Close to End of Life (ACE) Study

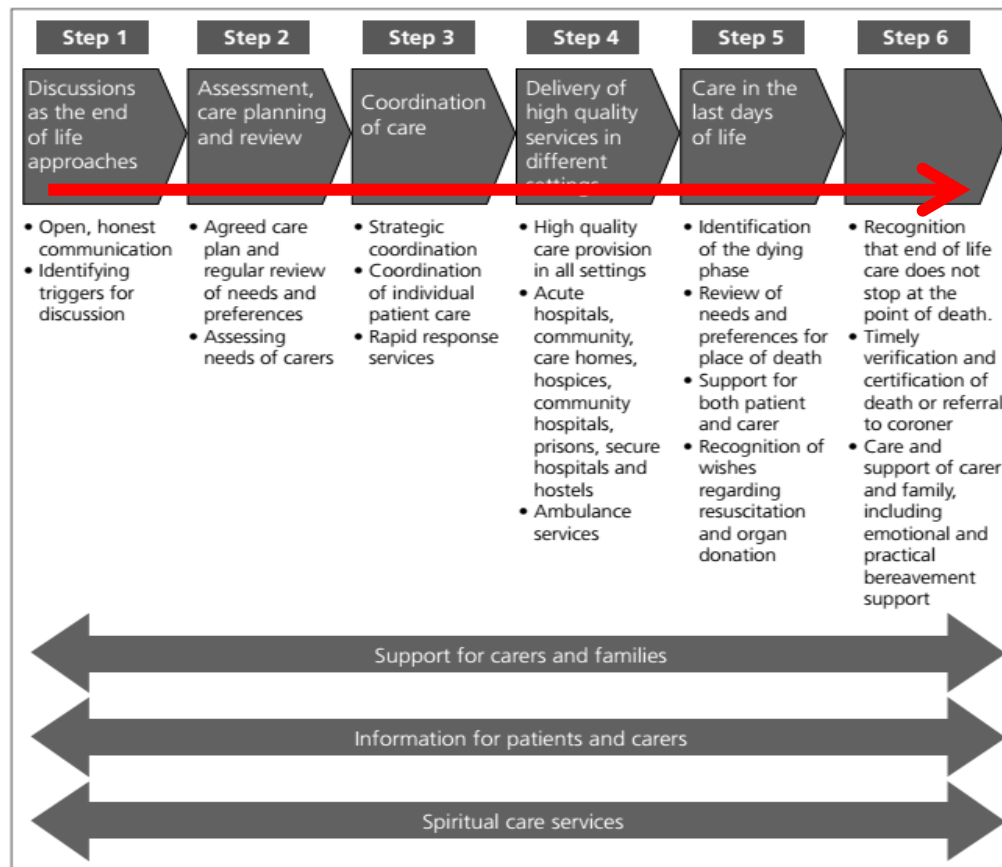


Recruitment: Number of interviewees by role



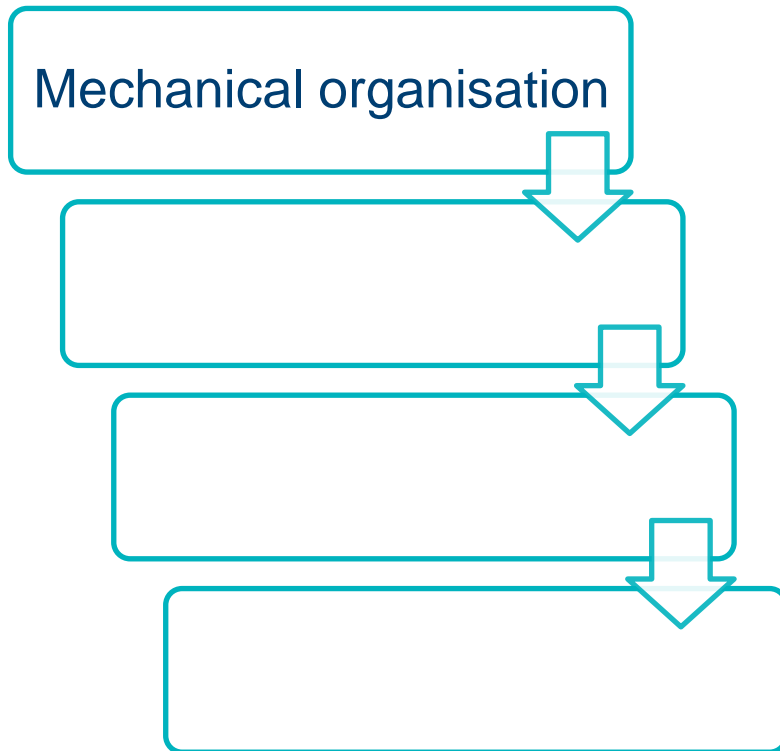
What I'm finding out

Figure 3: The End of Life Care Pathway



End of Life Care Strategy (2008) p.49

End of Life care spaghetti?



I'd really appreciate any comments on;

- Recruiting care home staff
- Theoretical background

Thank you!

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