

PALLIATIVE CARE FOR DIGNITY IN OLD AGE

Addressing the Needs of Older People
in Long-Term Care Facilities in Europe

Policy recommendations

Why policy recommendations?

State of play across Europe:

- Older people lack access to palliative care
- Action in this domain is inconsistent across countries
- Policies are wrong or insufficient
- The needs of older people with dementia are not addressed

Why policy recommendations?

Goal: Highlight areas where further/better policies are needed, integrating the user perspective, to...

- Orientate policymaking, encourage further action
- Empower civil society, professionals and service managers to advocate in this area

How have we drafted them?



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- Consultations with AGE Platform Europe and Alzheimer Europe's memberships.

Plus:

- Exchanges with project's research partners.



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What do we recommend?



Palliative care for older people in long-term care facilities

- ***Regulatory context***
 - Recognise and enforce the right to palliative care
- ***Implementation of general PC approach***
 - Allocate stable funding
 - Create incentives
 - Share good practices
 - Adapt the education of professionals
 - Fund further research
- ***Sustainability***
 - Incentives for continued implementation and development
 - Training and staffing to be monitored regularly

What do we recommend?

Palliative care for older people with dementia in long-term care facilities

- Recognise that people with dementia are entitled to PC
- Develop advance care planning and advanced directives
- Challenge stigma
- Dementia-specific training
- Involvement of people with dementia and relatives in developing PC

What do we recommend?

General issues linked to the provision of palliative care

- Raise public awareness: what PC is, what it is not
- PC: social and human right
- Maintreaming PC across servicies, policies and policy departments
- More cooperation between policymakers and researchers

... and now?



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Help us respond! Group discussions

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