**Examining the Ambitions Framework Project: Series of Workshops Exploring the Use of the Framework**

A multi-stage project - *Examining the Ambitions Framework* – is currently underway in England. It focuses on the [national framework for palliative and end of life care](https://acpopc.csp.org.uk/system/files/documents/2021-05/FINAL_Ambitions-for-Palliative-and-End-of-Life-Care_2nd_edition.pdf). The project is led by Dr Erica Borgstrom (The Open University), along with Dr Joanne Jordan, Claire Henry, and Dr Una St-Ledger. It is funded by Marie Curie and has HREC approval from The Open University.

We are **currently recruiting participants** for a series of workshops. The themes and dates of the workshops are listed below; we may open more slots on Nov 8th if all other workshops are filled and there is still interest. The themes have been derived from earlier stages of the project during which we looked at examples of how people have used the Framework, as well as the benefits and challenges they have encountered. You may attend more than one workshop, and do not need to have previous experience of using the Framework to attend. All workshops will be held on MS Teams and will be recorded for data collection purposes. If you are interested in participating, please contact Dr Joanne Jordan ([joanne.jordan@open.ac.uk](mailto:joanne.jordan@open.ac.uk)), who will send you an information sheet, which provides more detail about participation.

**Workshop 1: Sharing Learning**

**Monday 31st October 3.15pm until 4.45pm**

Overview: The ability to share learning about how people have used the Ambitions Framework has been a core theme in our findings so far. This workshop will provide examples of how people have used the Framework, the range of experiences they have had, and provide time for further discussion to facilitate additional shared learning by workshop participants. We will also discuss how shared learning can be further facilitated beyond the workshop.

**Workshop 2: Strategy, Self-Assessment, and Measuring Progress**

**Tuesday 1st November 9.15am until 10.45am**

Overview: We have heard about multiple ways in which people and organisations have used the Ambitions Framework to help direct strategic action. Yet, we have also heard from many people who were unsure of how to use the Framework in this way. Even amongst those who were confident in strategic use of the Framework, there were still concerns about how to measure progress, including in relation to the Framework self-assessment tool. This workshop will provide examples of how the Ambitions have been used in strategy and self-assessment, including the role of the Ambitions foundations, and discuss issues around measuring progress.

**Workshop 3: Partnership Working**

**Wednesday 2nd November 9.15am until 10.45am**

Overview: Partnership working has been a consistently highlighted as key to successfully realising the Ambitions. Descriptions of partnership working have most often focused on working with other NHS services, with social care, and with other organisations. Occasionally, they have also included working with patient, carers, and the public. This workshop will share examples of partnership working, including the opportunities and challenges of engaging with partners. Participants will be invited to consider the relevance of the examples to their local area/service, how partnership working is linked to the Ambitions foundations, and what further benefits and difficulties may arise in partnership working.

**Workshop 4: Community**

**Thursday 3rd November 3.15pm until 4.45pm**

Overview: Ambition Six is ‘All Communities are Prepared to Care’. In our research so far, this Ambition has been the least likely to be a priority. At the same time, it has been frequently identified as an aspiration in service development and provision. But what does ‘community’ mean and how can the Ambition be met? We have heard people talk about local communities, communities within care settings, and communities they are not yet engaging. This workshop will provide an overview of the range of examples we have found, how people have envisioned ‘community,’ and discuss what community can mean for workshop participants. It will also discuss how this Ambition may link with other Ambitions and explore practical ‘next steps’.