

## THE BUDAPEST COMMITMENTS – project document

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Background information is available on the EAPC website:

(<http://www.eapcnet.org/congresses/Budapest2007/Budapest2007Commitments.htm>)

Country **Ireland**

Date **29<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

Organisation	<b>The Irish Hospice Foundation-HospiceFriendly Hospitals Programme</b>
EAPC Collective member	<input type="checkbox"/>

If not, give a short description of the organisation The vision of the Irish Hospice Foundation is that nobody should have to face death or bereavement without the appropriate care or support. Our aim is to enable comfort and dignity at end of life in all care settings by transforming Irish Society's policies, systems, resources and support structures for end of life care. This has been undertaken through coordinated policy development & funding innovation projects, provision of information and education and research.

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Short description of the underlying problems that the commitments are aimed at

### **(1) The Hospice Friendly Hospital Programme**

**The Hospice Friendly Hospitals Programme is a 5 year national programme to mainstream hospice principles in hospital practice through Standards Development, Audit, Capacity Development and Culture Change. It focuses on four key themes generated from the pilot project: Integrated Care; Communication; Dignity & Design; Patient Autonomy. There are now over 40 hospitals participating in the programme of which 20 are acute hospitals.**

**A Memorandum of Understanding governs the relationship between the HfH Programme and the individual hospitals. Standing Committees on Dying, Death & Bereavement guide activities at hospital or network level. A National Steering Committee monitors and advises on standards and capacity development, ensures a balanced focus on all four key themes, works for long term sustainability of programme initiatives within the health service and ensures that the programme is effectively evaluated.**

Description of commitments (if more than one please list, please try to define clear, realistic and measurable goals for each commitment)

**1. To develop standards for End of Life Care which include the four key themes that ensure measurable outcomes for patients,relatives and staff.**

**The HfH standards:**

- **Define the specific elements of end of Life care to be provided by hospitals**
- **Identify the support and training required for staff so that they can deliver quality end of life care**
- **Assist the hospital to evaluate the service provided to patients and relatives at End of Life and confirm the high quality of the care being delivered.**
- **For hospitals seeking to improve their services relating to End of Life, the use of standards will identify where their efforts should be directed.**

**2.**

**3.**

Goal, measurement of success and time (please list at least one outcome measurement for each commitment)

**1. Significant outcomes from the programme to date include:**

**“Design & Dignity Guidelines for Physical Environments of Hospitals Supporting End of Life Care.” (2008)**

**2. “Draft Quality Standards for End of Life Care in Hospitals.”(Currently under revision following public consultation).**

**3.**

Short description of methodology and working process

**1. Review of key research underpinning developing of the HospiceFriendly Hospitals Programme including literature reviews of four key themes,feasability study and pilot project.**

**2. Development of draft standards.**

**3. Establishment of stakeholder Working Group.**

**4. Draft Standards reviewed and worked up by Working Group.**

**5.Draft Standards reviewed by Hospice Friendly Hospitals National Steering Committee.**

**6. Standards are submitted for public consultation.**

**7. Draft Standards are revised in light of public consultation.**

**8.Draft standards are brought for final review to the HfH National Steering Committee. Any amendments sought by the committee are undertaken and the final HfH approved standards will be handed over to The Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) for referencing within the "National Quality Standards for Quality and Safety".**

In collaboration or cooperation with other organisations	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>
Names of other organisations	
<b>The Hospice Friendly Hospitals (HFH) Programme is partnered with the national Health Services Executive(HSE). The HSE is represented on the HFH National Steering Committee.</b>	
<b>In developing the Standards, the HFH Programme has consulted with The Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA).HIQA has a number of statutory responsibilities including setting standards and monitoring healthcare quality. HIQA is also represented on the HFH National Steering Committee.</b>	
<b>The Standards Hospitals</b>	
<b>The following are the hospitals who participated within the Standards Development Working groups:</b>	
<b>The Mater Misericordiae University Hospital,Dublin</b>	
<b>Connolly Hospital,Dublin,</b>	
<b>The Royal Hospital,Donnybrook,</b>	
<b>Our Lady's Children's Hospital,Crumlin</b>	
<b>Beaumont Hospital, Dublin</b>	