

# Roundtable on the Interface of Medical and Social Care Systems in Dementia and End-of-Life Care - Insights from Singapore and UK

## Future Health and Social Care for End-of-life Care in Residential Homes

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## Hong Kong's Situation

- ❑ Almost all persons at end of life are sent to hospitals
- ❑ 33.5% (about 13,630) of all death in IP/DP/A&E (40,630) are (RCHE) residents (HA working group on EOL care in RCHEs, 2013)

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## As a result\* .....

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- 'Die mechanically'
  - No Choice & Control at own death : lonely, fearful, no one to share the end road
- Inappropriate uses of hospital resources
- Contravening our policy for “Ageing in Place” and “Continuum of Care”
- No one is satisfied/at peace

\* Drawn on material presented by Dr Edward Leung

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## Resolutions

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- EOL care provision in RCHs
  - Sustainable, preferred choice and successful
  - Greatly reduces repeated hospital admissions
  - Reduces invasive medical procedures
  - Provides great savings from hospital setting
- Clinical, administrative and legislative changes would be necessary in facilitating the shifting of EOL care from hospitals to the LTC sector : e.g. advance directives, certification of death, keeping & transportation of diseased bodies.

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