

What is the EARLY ID Toolkit?

The Early ID Toolkit has been developed to support Primary Care as they work to identify patients who may be in their last year of life and would benefit from Advance Care Planning (ACP) discussions.

The tool searches SNOMED CT codes, based on existing indicator tools and has been developed with over 50 GP practices. During testing, around 70% of patients identified by the search were clinically assessed as appropriate for ACP follow-up.

The toolkit is available to support GP practices across England to help identify the some of the most vulnerable patients and plan for their future care.

What can it do for me?

Evaluation of the ID toolkit across practices in Newham, North East London identified:

- An increase in complete personalised care plans (133%)
- An increase in number of patients on palliative care registers
- An increase in CMC care plan views from LAS, A&E, 111
- More patients dying in their preferred place (83%)
- GPs reported the toolkit helped to achieve GP PCN Personalised and Anticipatory Care DES21/22
- 100% of GP practices reported they found the search easy to run.

In South West London, currently 48 GP practices have begun using the EARLY ID Toolkit to help identify patients nearing the end of life.

*“Whatever your practice population size and diversity, the EARLY ID toolkit offers a tested method to help support you, alongside your clinical judgment, to consider people who may benefit from future care and support planning conversations. Conversations about **‘What Matters Most’** to someone should be held with their consent, personalised to the individual and involve those important to them.”*

Dr Catherine Millington-Sanders, SWL CCG EOLC Clinical Lead

How long will it take?

Running the EARLY ID search takes around 10 minutes and the list produced will need to be reviewed for clinical appropriateness for ACP discussions - typically 0.3% of the total GP practice list size. The numbers of people identified by the toolkit will vary depending on your practice population. General Practice and Multi-Professional Team members continue to have a central role in planning future care and support for people to live as well as possible, and to enable well-planned, high quality end of life care.

Find out more

You can find the toolkit on the SWL webpage at www.swlondon.nhs.uk/early-id and guidance on Universal Principles of Advance Care Planning [here](#).

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