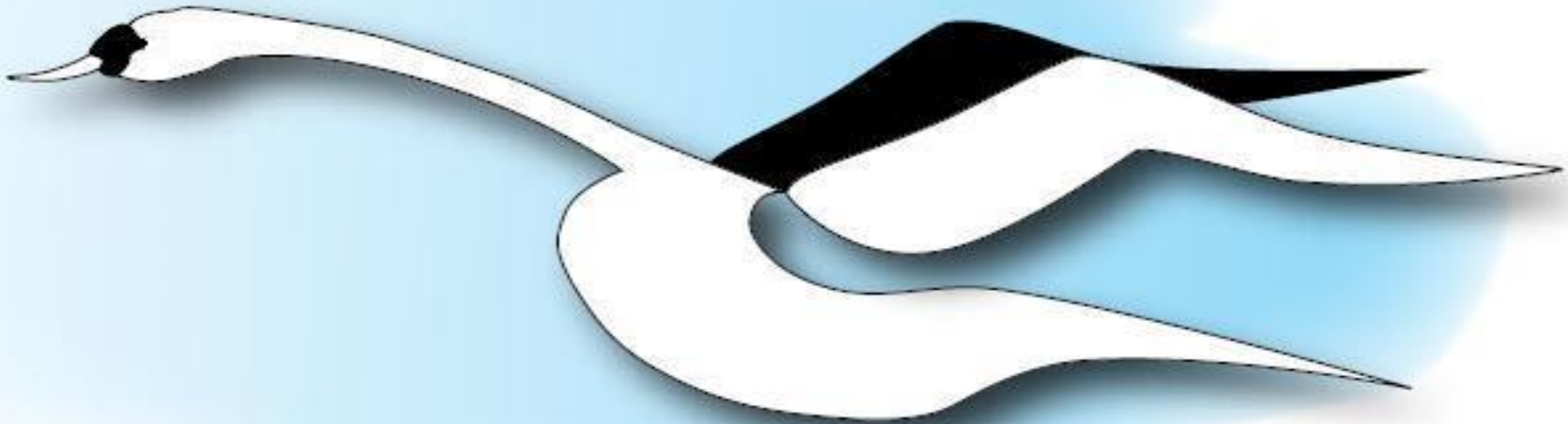


Bereavement & Donor Care

The Alliance Model

hello my name is...

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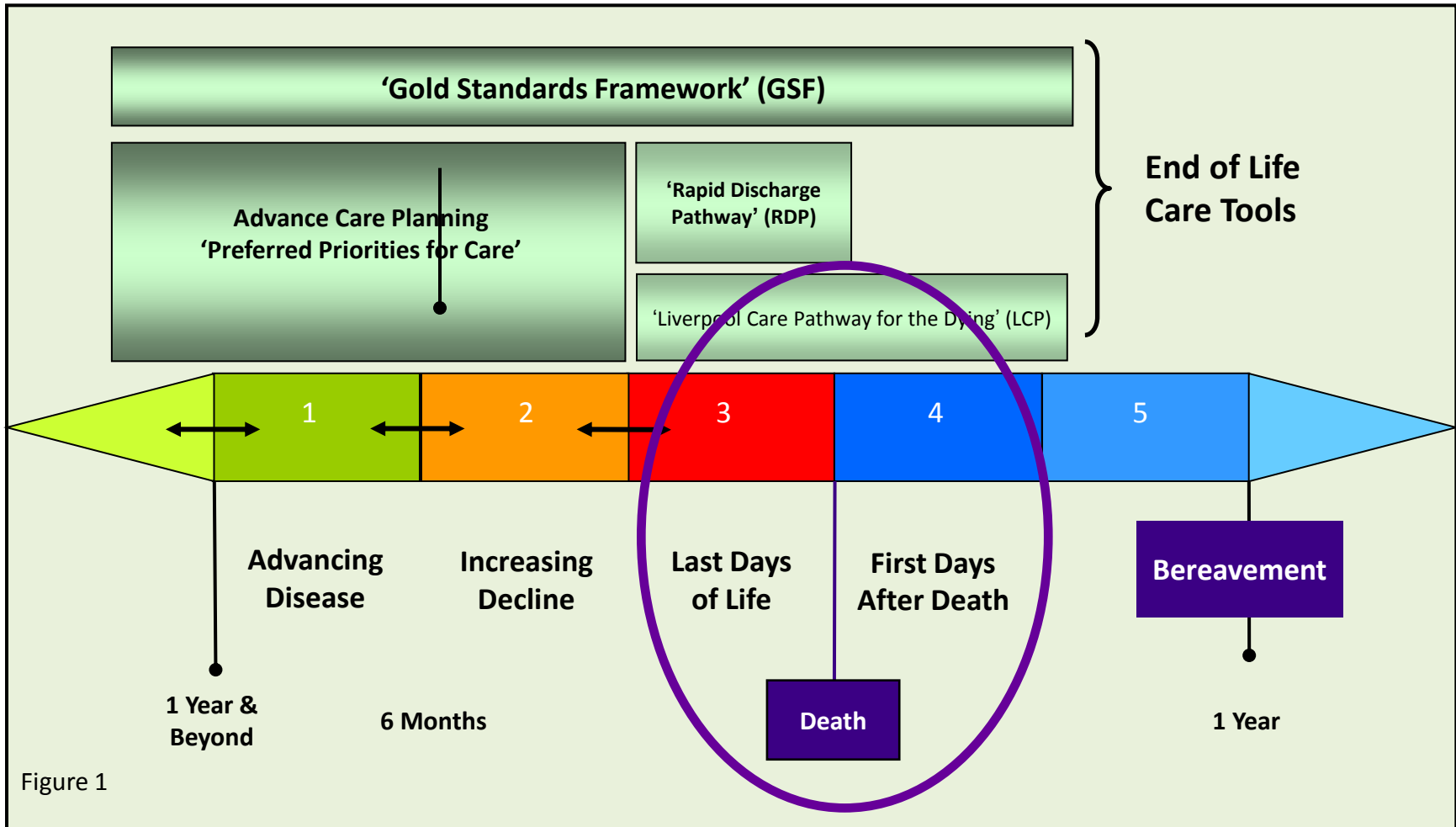


Figure 1

Why a Swan- happy death



Aim of the swan

- To promote dignity, respect and compassion at the end of life.
- Displayed in the last hours of life ,death.
- End of Life of life choices given to the patient

Permission to break the rules that don't exist

How the Swan is used

- Dying (last few hours) or death is recognised by the clinical team
- Nurses inform the family
- The Swan is placed on the door or in the bay that the patient is being nursed
- Gives staff permission to care for the patient /family

Good for the dying patient

- Treated with heightened dignity and respect
- Dying is acknowledged and individual care is planned
- Well informed and prepared
- What matters to the patient

Good for family & friends

- Open visiting
- Well informed and prepared.
- Drinks and Food provided
- Practical support.
- Free car parking
- The offering of mementos (hand prints, photos, locks of hair)
- Supported

Good for raising awareness

- Information to inform the public in the use of the Swan
- Swan icon used on the Computers to highlight the needs of the dying patient
- Information booklets to guide the patients/families in What , how
- Gives control to families
- Noise levels decreased on wards

Good for us all

- Information is consistent
- Swan bags used for property
- Care of family carries on after death
- Death is every ones business-
permission to act.
- Option of tissue donation
- Embodies the Bereavement Alliance
ethos of every death matters.







Magic is all around us



<http://youtu.be/so6FgWp4QCE>