Health Economics in End of Life Research
Overview

The Division of Psychiatry is made up of

1. Mental Health of older people
2. Mental Health Neuroscience
3. Epidemiology and Applied clinical research
4. MCPCRD: Evaluation of interventions and effectiveness in palliative care, end-of-life care planning, continuity of care
Main challenges

- Assessing QoL in advanced progressive illness. Lack/absence of capacity.
- Differential resource allocation for EoL. Societal preferences, patient choice
- Complex disease trajectories and complex interventions. Prognosis uncertainty
- How to best account for costs and benefits for informal carers.
- Statistical power and methodological issues
Overview of current projects

NIHR funded

• CanTalk RCT: the clinical and cost effectiveness of CBT for the treatment of depression in advanced cancer

• CanAct RCT: acceptance and commitment therapy for psychological distress in advanced cancer
Some core grant funded projects (Marie Curie)

• Advanced liver disease: cost effectiveness of specialist palliative care in tertiary units
• Advanced dementia: evaluation of health and social care needs, service use by patients and carers
• Dying with advanced head and neck cancer: outcomes/benefits to patients and their families of different models of care