### Project Updates

#### Research Prioritisation Exercise
You will recall we are conducting a systematic review of relevant research prioritisation exercises. This will be followed by a consultant event with stakeholders. Over 30 RPEs have been included in the review and we are at the stage of data extraction. Invitations to the consultant event (11 September) have been issued and, to date, there has been a very positive response.

#### GP involvement in the care of children and young people with life-limiting conditions
We had final approval from the Independent Scientific Advisory Committee to access the CPRD data for this study on the 12th May 2017. We should receive the data by the end of July.

### Grants
- We successfully applied for a small project grant from the Centre for Future Health, Welcome Trust funded initiative. The proposal is a systematic review and consultation exercise entitled ‘Specialist Paediatric Palliative Care Input for Children with Malignancies’.
- We are currently refining the protocol and search strategy. The review will be complete by end March 2018.

### Capacity Building
- We have had two successful meetings with staff at Martin House. The input and engagement of the front line staff has been excellent and very useful to the research team.
- We are currently supporting two clinicians on applications for NIHR doctoral studentships, supervising a DCLin student from the University of Leeds, and supporting a clinician to write for publication.
- We have also been meeting with lots of stakeholders, clinicians and academics building collaborations going forward.

### Staff update
- We are delighted that Jo Taylor has been appointed as a Lecturer in Applied Health Research to contribute to the research of the Martin House Research Centre.
- We are currently advertising for a research fellow with systematic review experience to join our team.

### PhD Students
- We had an excellent response to our PhD studentship call and are pleased that we have been able to offer two students, full-time PhD studentships starting in October 2017. Both proposals focussed on the mental and psychological health of children with LLC and their families.

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**You may be interested in these recent papers from members of the team:**


Fraser, LK, Fleming, S & Parslow, R 2017, ‘Changing Place of Death in Children who died after discharge from Paediatric Intensive Care Units: a national, data linkage study’ *Palliative Medicine*, pp. 1-10. DOI: 10.1177/0269216317709711

Fraser, LK & Parslow, R 2017, ‘Children with Life-Limiting Conditions in Paediatric Intensive Care Units: a national cohort, data linkage study’ *Archives of Disease in Childhood*. In press [http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/archdischild-2017-312638](http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/archdischild-2017-312638)

Aldridge, J, Shimmon, K, Miller, M, Fraser, LK & Wright, BJD 2017, "'I can’t tell my child they are dying': Helping Parents Have Conversations With Their Child' *Archives of Disease in Childhood.*