

Ideas from a review of hospital deaths over 1 year

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What is the size of the problem

- Total number of deaths studied 599

In last year of life	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	152	25.6
Maybe	110	18.5
No	331	55.8

Who could have been looked after at home

Appropriateness of staying at home	Freq.	Percentage
Maybe	75	12.65
No	399	67.28
Yes	119	20.07

How much did it cost?

Appropriateness of staying at home	Costs		
	Count	Mean	Total
Maybe	32	£2,911	£93,166
No	148	£3,244	£480,074
Yes	47	£3,129	£147,062
Mean cost of hospital stay		£3094	

Where were they admitted from?

Admitted from	Freq.	Percent
Home	440	74.45
Nursing home	77	13.03
Other hospital	9	1.52
Residential home	59	9.98
Sheltered housing	1	0.17
Via emi	5	0.85

Total actual costs

- At WAHT 700 deaths per year
- Cost of £3093 per death
- Maximum reduction of 30% (220) admissions
- Total cost of £721,000

What can we do for £721,000?

Mercedes-Benz Stirling Moss SLR, £330,000



What we can do for £721,000

- Invest in end of life services!
- Nursing homes
- Capacity of care in the community
- Coordination of care
- End of life register
- Education and training