

END OF LIFE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG): ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

This annual report covers the period 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018.

Membership

The BASL Committee appointed an initial SIG Lead for 2017-18, Dr Mark Wright, Consultant Hepatologist, University Hospital Southampton. An election for the position of SIG lead will be held subsequently. Expressions of interest for Steering Committee membership have been sought and will be finalised at the BASL annual meeting in September 2018.

BASL members were given the opportunity to sign up for the SIG via the members' section of the BASL website. Non-members may also join the group. At the time of writing this report, there were 89 individuals included in the member database.

Meetings

One meeting of the SIG was held during 2017-18:

- 6 March 2018, Southampton.

Key achievements

It is early days for this particular SIG, but we have established an enthusiastic core group. The group has produced a discussion document (available on the BASL website) summarising the key issues as regards end of life care in liver disease. The SIG is also working on a national model, introducing palliative care into the training curriculum for gastroenterology, and looking at future research topics.

Further information

Please visit the SIG webpage at <https://www.basl.org.uk/index.cfm/content/page/cid/33>.