



Different dyings: UK and Kenya

International comparison

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International inequities

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Outline comparison of findings

Edinburgh, Scotland

- ▶ main issue existential or spiritual distress
- ▶ analgesia effective
- ▶ anger in the face of illness
- ▶ *“just keep it to myself”*
- ▶ spiritual needs evident but unmet

Chogoria, Kenya

- ▶ main issue physical suffering, especially pain
- ▶ analgesia unaffordable
- ▶ acceptance rather than anger
- ▶ community support accepted
- ▶ patients comforted and inspired by belief in God



- Approaching integration (n=4)
- Localised provision (n=11)
- Capacity building activity underway (n=11)
- No hospice-palliative care activity yet identified (n=21)

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THE WORK CONTINUES





