

N. Ireland Cancer Registry Implications of Research for Services

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Conclusion	Factors associated with less bereavement training included patients having no preference for place of death and carers remaining in employment pre- or post-bereavement. In contrast relatives suffered more bereavement with patients dying in hospital, carers stopping work , being of lower socio-economic status and close kinship to the deceased. We conclude that family carers should be adequately supported to continue in employment; priority should be given to assessing the financial needs of families from lower socio-economic areas; and bereavement support should focus on close relatives of the deceased.
What this means for the service	Good communication and named service link person is important. Employers should facilitate time off for caring and return to work after bereavement. Bereavement services should offer financial advice pre- and post-bereavement, prioritise lower income families and focus on close family relatives and relatives of patients who die in hospital.