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Paper Title	Insights into the factors associated with achieving the preference of home death in terminal cancer: A national population-based study
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Conclusion	<p>Summary</p> <p>This work involved analysing 467 questionnaire responses from relatives of deceased cancer patients. 78% indicated a preference to die at home and of those 53% achieved this. Factors positively associated with achieving a home death were: living in an affluent area, receipt of good and satisfactory district nurse care, discussing place of death with health professionals, and the caregiver's preference for a home death. Patients who were older than 80 years of age, of Presbyterian religion, or were unconscious most of the time during their final week were less likely to achieve a home death.</p>
What this means for the service	<p>Significance of Results:</p> <p>Communication, care satisfaction, and caregiver preferences were all associated with home death. Our findings will help inform the design of future interventions aimed at increasing the proportion of patients achieving their preferred place of death at home, for example, by targeting interventions toward older patients and those from the most deprived communities.</p>

