

Family life when a parent is at end of life from cancer.

Receiving the poor prognosis

How HSCPs can best support parents:

- honest information about prognosis
- advice on preparing for the future
- guidance and support on how best to tell the children



Running out of time - 'falling off the cliff'

How HSCPs can best support parents:

- honest information that death is approaching
- guidance on preparing and telling the children mum or dad is going to die

Parallel Worlds

Intermittent glimpses that death is approaching

Living in the moment

Life goes on - maintaining family routines

Striving to live  
- hope in treatments  
- hope from spiritual faith

Making the most of ordinariness  
Capturing life as it happens

Maximising social networks

Actual Death

HSCPs – Health & social care professionals  
For additional information see Semple, C., McCaughan, E., Beck, E-R., & Hanna, J. (2021). 'Living in parallel worlds' – bereaved parents' experience of family life when a parent with dependent children is at end of life from cancer: A qualitative study. *Palliative Medicine*, 35(5), 933-942. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02692163211001719>