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Irene Tuffrey-Wijne (RN, PhD) is Professor of Intellectual Disability & Palliative Care at Kingston University & St George's University of London. She has close collaborative links with Maastricht University (Netherlands). She has extensive clinical experience in both intellectual disability and palliative care services.

Since 2001, Irene has led a programme of research focusing on intellectual disability, cancer and palliative care, completing a PhD in 2007. She has published widely and presented her work in the UK and across the world, and is recognised as the leading international expert in the area of palliative care for people with intellectual disabilities. Inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities as study participants and as salaried co-researchers is a key part of her work.



Irene is chair of the UK based (but international) Palliative Care of People with Learning Disabilities Network, and chair of the Reference Group for Intellectual Disabilities of the European Association of Palliative Care.