

# Speaker Biography

## Marie Cooper

*Independent Nurse Consultant – Palliative and End of life Care*

Marie is a registered nurse with extensive experience of clinical leadership and expertise in practice development. During her nursing career she has worked in a range of care settings within the UK, as well as a two- year sabbatical in a township in South Africa .Since her last time at the NAHH conference she co facilitated a palliative care programme for nurses in Kerala India and is part of a new mentoring programme to provide support to nurses working in palliative care there.

From 2014 to June 2019 Marie was Practice Development Lead for Hospice UK which enabled her to work with hospice clinical leaders and national organisations to champion the delivery of high quality, accessible palliative care such as the CQC, Dementia UK and NHS England  
Key projects included the leadership of several communities of practice; patient safety benchmarking and the development of national clinical guidelines .Marie also collaborated on the development of the Hospice UK Quality Improvement (QI) programme for hospice and worked with acute hospital colleagues on a QI project to understand the experience of the end of life care through the eyes of the carer within their hospitals.

Marie continues to be kept busy looking after her pretty amazing 94 year old mother and works as an independent consultant – offering project management, mentoring and facilitation for individual nurses and nursing teams and working in collaborating with like-minded associates on improvement initiatives.