



Supporting End of Life Care Education Guyana (SEOLCEG)
Annual Report 5th Feb 2024 to 31st March 2025

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Objectives and activities:

The charity's objectives of supporting cancer patients, their families, elderly vulnerable adults with a life-threatening illness in Guyana and raising awareness of Palliative care in Guyana and the UK were achieved in the following ways:

Supporting Cancer Patients:

May 8th 2024 a referral from the Beacon Hospice in Guyana was received for Mrs W a 73 yrs old lady who was terminally ill with stage 4 breast cancer. Mrs W was assessed by the hospice nurse as having a prognosis of days. Mrs W wanted to die at home, but her family were unable to help at night.

Request was for a carer to attend to Mrs W from the hours of 6 PM to 6AM. After discussion with the hospice lead nurse, regarding the hours required, the cost and who would provide the care the request was granted. It was also arranged that the hospice nurse would visit daily to assess the patient's condition.

A carer was provided from the 13th of May 2024 to 26th May 2024 and this enabled Mrs W to die peacefully at home.

SEOLCEG paid for the care services by forwarding the funds to their representative in Guyana, who took payments to the hospice. Receipt of funds were acknowledged by the representative and the hospice lead nurse, and the carer were paid by the hospice.

PS: The Beacon Hospice in Guyana only support patients by undertaking home visits during the day and only opens Monday to Friday from nine to five, and there is no out of hours or emergency contact for cancer patients. However, when a patient is dying the lead nurse will keep in contact with the family via phone, and this is entirely at her discretion.

March 2025 a referral was made by the Beacon Hospice Guyana for a donation towards treatment for Mrs I who was diagnosed with thyroid cancer and needed treatment that could not be done in Guyana. Mrs I needed to be in Trinidad for three days, so hotel accommodation needed to be added in. The family fundraised to cover the cost of the flight and hotel accommodation for the three days. The Department of Health covered a quarter of the cost.

Evidence of the treatment that needed to be done was sent to SEOLCEG. Lilette followed this up with an email to the diagnostic centre in Trinidad, to verify the treatment and that the dates correlated. Dr Khan from the diagnostic centre replied and confirmed the date that the treatment was scheduled for. Lilette also discussed the cost and where the donation should be sent to. The diagnostic centre suggested that all funds be sent to the Beacon Hospice as they were coordinating the monies collected. Lilette also inquired as to whether the Beacon Hospice was contributing but was told that they do not contribute to treatment outside of the hospice.

SEOLCEG representative in Guyana was sent the funds through a reputable service. Our representative took the funds to the Beacon Hospice and receipt was acknowledged and sent to SEOLCEG.

November 2024 the Beacon Hospice (Guyana) made a referral for a patient with a stoma who needed colostomy bags. The hospice sent a picture of the patient showing his stoma and explaining the difficulties he was experiencing due to the lack of stoma bags in the country. The patient was reusing stoma bags by washing them or placing tissues and a plastic bag over his stoma. SEOLCEG immediately sent 40 stoma bags via air mail. In December 2024 a further 150 bags were taken to the hospice by a supporter going on holiday. A picture was taken of the supporter delivering the colostomy bags to the lead nurse at the Beacon Hospice.

Supporting elderly vulnerable adult in the community in Guyana:

February 2024 Mr C a 85-year-old man living alone in the community without family support was identified as needing help by our representative, and a referral was sent to SEOLCEG. The lead nurse from the Beacon Hospice made a visit to Mr C to assess the help that was needed. It was agreed that Mr C would be supported with daily meals and cleaning of his living area. His entire living area, which was slightly bigger than a storage space was made liveable.

When Mr C was brought to our attention he was sleeping on three boxes placed together and covered with his old clothes. There was a toilet in the corner, but it had no cover and there was an open shower.

SEOLCEG representative got him a folding bed, sheets and new clothes, also a toilet seat. His health was also monitored with the help of the hospice nurse, and when he became ill in May 2024 SEOLCEG representative in Guyana organised a CT scan and blood tests paid for by SEOLCEG. Our representative accompanied Mr C on hospital appointments and sent pictures of these visits, along with receipts from the hospital. At the end of March 2025 Mr C continued to be supported by SEOLCEG.

August 2024 eight vulnerable adults in the community received monthly food hampers over a period of three months. This was a pilot undertaken by SEOLCEG. The hamper bags had SEOLCEG logo and name and was filled with essential items. This is under review.

Presently Lilette is supporting three breast cancer patients, taking their calls and visiting with them either in their homes or going out with them for tea/coffee.

Raising awareness of Palliative care in Guyana and the UK

January 2025, one nurse from the Beacon Hospice were sponsored by SEOLCEG on the six months Palliative Care Fellowship Course with the Palliative Care Institute in Delhi. This nurse was new to the hospice, had never worked with Palliative patients and had no palliative care training. Training was by zoom with follow up support for six months.

February 4th 2025 SEOLCEG commemorated World Cancer Day with an educational day from 11am to 3PM. This was held at St Lawrence Church Hall in Catford. This free event was well attended (55 attendee), and feedback was excellent. The presentations were:

The theme for 2025 'United by Unity' was reflected throughout the day.

Presentations were on the following:

Overview/History of World Cancer Day (Barbara Kenyon, Palliative/EOLC Facilitator)

World Cancer Day Theme for 2025 'United by Unique' (Lilette Denton)

Chair Yoga (Sarah Cross)

Debunking myths about cancer and what we can do to protect against it (Stella Whitehouse, Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Specialist).

Lasting Power of Attorney (Gaye Illsley)

Role of massage and self-care for those living with cancer (Pauline Blackwood).

Networking:

Lilette met with the High Commissioner to Guyana at an outreach he attended in February 2024. Lilette raised the issue of patients having to pay for radiotherapy.

September 2024 Lilette met with the President of Guyana at a reception hosted in London.

Lilette again raised the issue of cancer patients struggling to pay for treatment and the issue of medication (morphine), and colostomy bags not being available.

Lilette is in regular contact with the Guyana School of Nursing and the Nursing Council.

Have regular meetings with Stella Whitehouse (Palliative Educator) to discuss ongoing events.

Trustees Report

The trustees met four times during 2024/2025 and continued to keep updated regularly by using the SEOLCEG WhatsApp group chat. The group was set up by Dennis Hing and it has enabled the trustees to pass on information as it comes in and to have an immediate respond.

This year saw the launch of SEOLCEG website which was set up by Dennis and is now being maintained by Michelle and Tayo.

Michelle Bekoe (treasurer) manages the accounts and keeps us updated. Michelle is also fundraising and raising awareness of the charity through her workplace.

Chiedu Hing (secretary) manages the planning of the fundraising lunch, World Cancer Day and any other events that need organising. Chiedu organises the fliers for events, the programme, the preparation and hosts the event.

Tayo Hing and our young volunteers are always on hand to support events, managing the door, and the raffle.

How income is generated:

Individual donations from supporters and trustees.

Annual fundraising lunch.

SEOLCEG supporter's cruise

Key Actions

Be inclusive by Increasing our outreach in other countries.

To set up a reserve account.

Ensuring we have all the policies required by the Charity Commission.

Feedback

Mrs I sent 'thank you' to SEOLCEG through the Beacon Hospice for the donation which helped her to travel to Trinidad for cancer treatment. We also received a picture taken at the diagnostic centre in Trinidad.

Nurse from the Beacon Foundation sent a thank you for sponsoring her on the Palliative Care Training with the Deli Institute for Palliative Care.

We received pictures of the food hampers being delivered to some elderly vulnerable adults.

All referrals for cancer patients were from the Beacon Hospice (Guyana). Referrals for support for elderly vulnerable adults were from SEOLCEG representative and the Beacon Hospice in Guyana.

Referrals are recorded on our referral forms and the criteria for making decisions regarding a referral always follows our 'Grant Making Policy'.

All SEOLCEG trustees have complied with their duty to provide public benefit.

Each trustee has differing skills which are used for the benefit of the public and which complements the team. Trustees have been supporting SEOLCEG since 2019 before we became a registered charity. This is testament to their commitment.

Our representative in Guyana is not paid for his services. He has a highly committed full-time job and has always been compassionate, willing to help others, and is continually coming up with ideas for making the lives of those less fortunate better. From the inception of SEOLCEG in 2019 he has been supporting us.

Report by:

Lilette Denton (Founder/director SEOLCEG)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act: and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and the comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any material respect the requirements.
 - (a) To keep the accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: and
 - (b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement of the Act have not been met; or
- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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