



Compassionate Communities

SETTING THE SCENE

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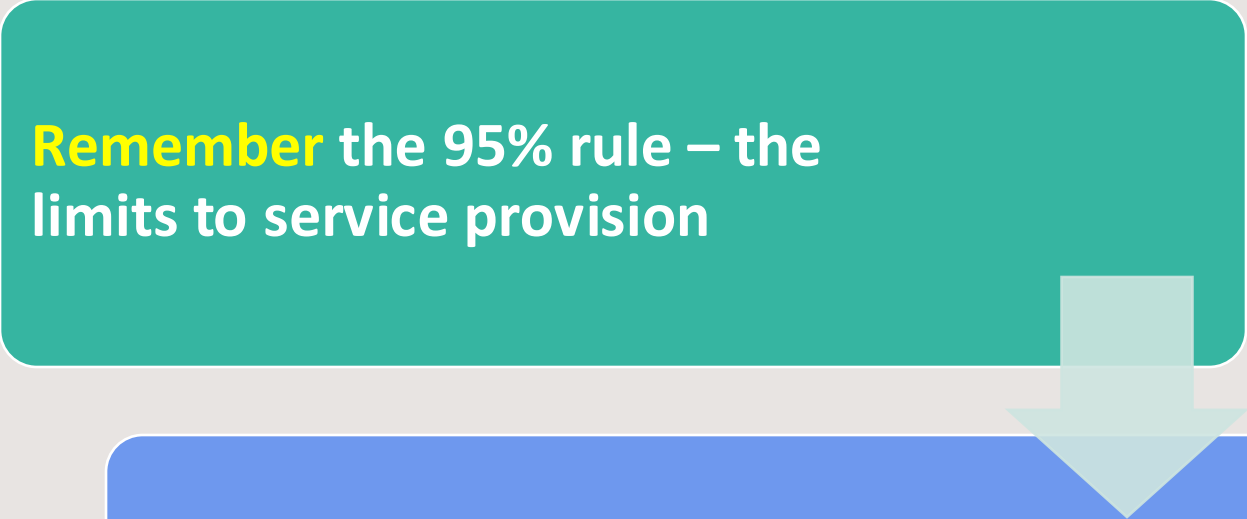
Compassionate communities

Becoz you need it too...

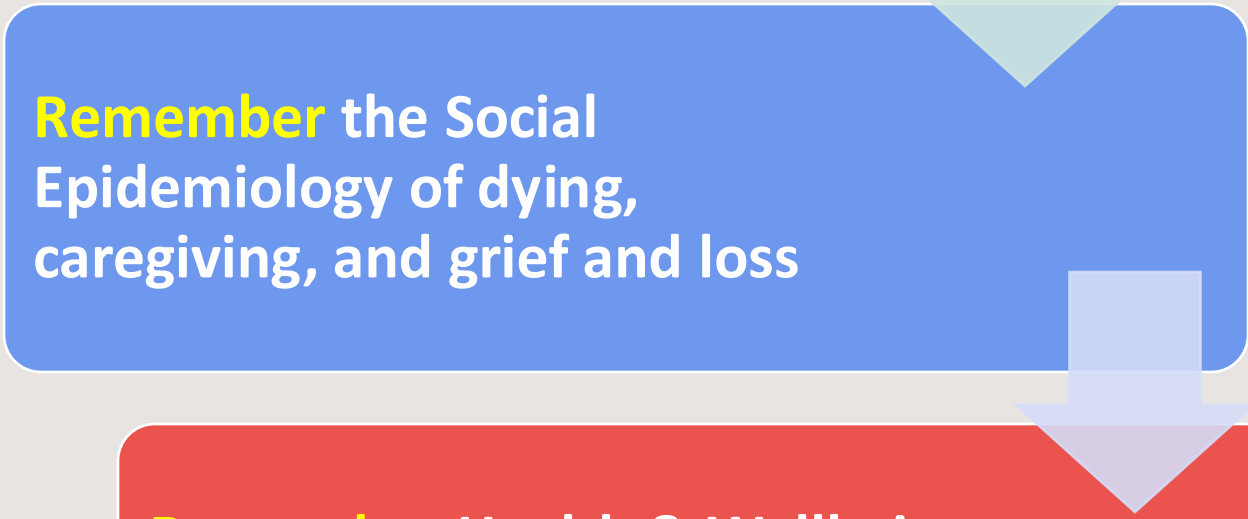
- **Funnyman Sigmund Freud**

A Palliative care re-set

Remember the 95% rule – the
limits to service provision



Remember the Social
Epidemiology of dying,
caregiving, and grief and loss



Remember Health & Wellbeing
to balance illness & disease
emphasis



Compassionate communities

A cornerstone of a public health
approach to end-of-life care

Where people in every civic sector
contribute / do their bit

Where health services and civic
action become partnerships

Where continuity and quality of
care are genuinely addressed

Where palliative care becomes
everyone's business – in real time
and real practice!!

Becoz
Palliative care is
everyone's
business

**Community
development**
(compassionate
communities)

Social ecology
(Compassionate cities)

Public education
(end of life literacy)

Health Promotion

**Civic policy
development**
(neighborhoods but also
schools, workplaces, faith
groups, etc)

Partnerships

Global Developments

- 1000s of Compassionate communities in UK, Europe, Australia, India, Taiwan, South & North America, and growing
- Dozens of Compassionate Cities incl. Ottawa (Ca), Bern (CH), Birmingham (UK), Plymouth (UK), Cologne (D), Taipei (Tw), Koshikode (I), Mankato (US), Seville (E), Brussels (B).....

Professional Developments

- Public Health Palliative Care International (www.phpci.org)
- Biennial International PHPCI Conference series (in Bern CH in October)
- Compassionate Communities UK (<https://compassionate-communitiesuk.co.uk>)
 - SAGE journal “Palliative Care & Social Practice” (Impact factor 2.4)
 - EAPC public health reference group
 - Public Health England and Pallium Canada (Toolkits)
- Scottish Public Health Network/Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care
 - NHS ‘Ambitions’ Policy for Palliative Care 2021-2026.
 - First Oxford Textbook in Public Health Palliative Care (2022)

**The Limits
to public health...**

**George Burns
on his 99th birthday**



Want to know more ?

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Oxford Textbook of Public Health
Palliative Care

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Thank you...

