

## **Update on Panel Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December – Margo Biggs**

There was a successful Full Panel Meeting held in the Stirling College Campus on 15th December

After presentations on the work of the Scottish Health Council in making the patient and carer voice heard through Voices and support of Patient Opinion and the new Carer 's Card Scheme and inviting participation from those not involved in the Involvement Network Database; an introduction to Values Based Reflective Practice which is Reflecting on the past, in the present, in order to learn for the future from Philip Hacking one of the Spiritual Care Team and an update on Domestic Audits we dealt with our business matters then had a buffet lunch before departing homewards

Hopefully a meaningful 2016 ahead and our thanks to Helena Buckley , Karen Maclure and Leigh Fagan for a successful meeting, and their support through the year

## **Bereavement Tree – Margo Biggs**

The very sensitive area of Infant Cremation has been in the news and sparked off legislation after the Infant Cremation Committee under Lord Bonomy reported on the handling of all recoverable remains of babies and infants

The Bereavement Team for Women and Children have taken this forward led by Catriona Addison and her team

The desire for parents to have ashes returned has been respected

The whole process and its sensitive handling has been reported by Catriona to the MSLC, Bereavement Steering and Person Centred Steering

The recent installation of a Memory Tree is the culmination and closure for bereaved parents

The copper tree is on the wall of Spiritual Care and has individual leaves in brass to mark the passing of babies who have been cremated and marks their loss for parents