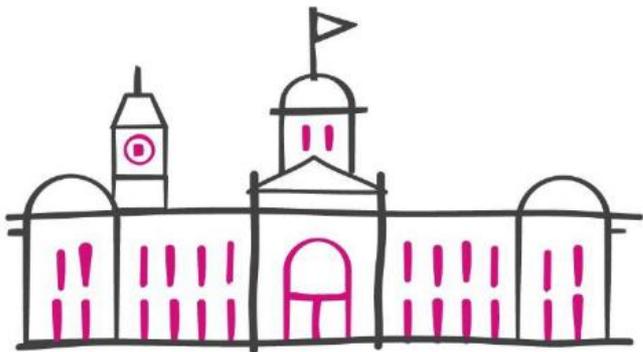


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Death Literacy Index

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Key Points

- The Death Literacy Index (DLI) is an internationally validated tool to measure the confidence of citizens in issues relating to serious illness, dying and grief. It is also validated for use in the UK.
- A broad Birmingham sample of 391 people completed the survey.
- This was an initial scoping to understand the value of the DLI prior to further rollouts.
- The data demonstrates areas of confidence and where there is more work to do.
- Next stages are to focus on specific wards and communities starting with LGBTQIA+ to ensure a representative and inclusive perspective of DLI.



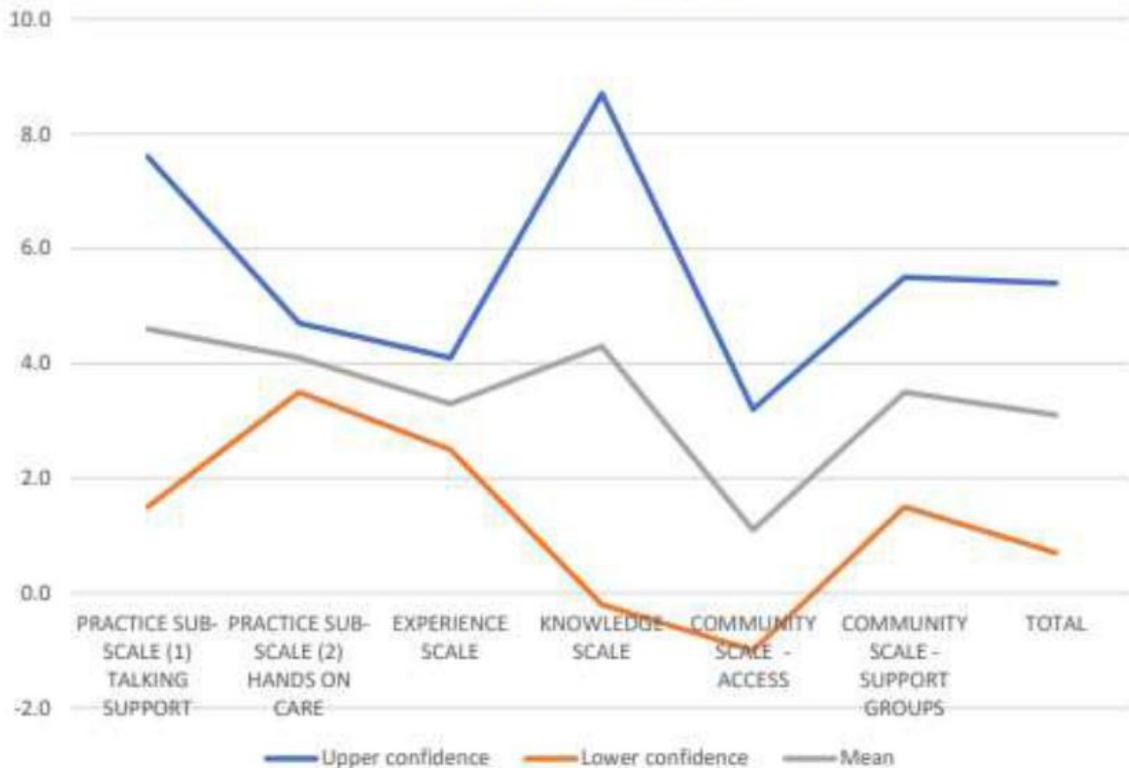
DLI Themes (based on prior personal experience):-

- Practical Knowledge (e.g. confident in providing to others).
 - Talking Support.
 - Providing hands on care.
- Experiential Knowledge (e.g. development of skills & knowledge).
- Factual Knowledge (e.g. access to formal services, dying at home).
- Community Knowledge.
 - Support groups (e.g. bereavement, carers groups).
 - Accessing help (e.g. emotional and cultural support or equipment).



Results Summary

Overall Death Literacy Results



Summary for Birmingham's initial results

- Providing **talking support** or some elements of **hands-on care** based on previous personal experience performed well.
- Wide variation on the **knowledge scale** which can be further analysed. **Access to support in the community** didn't score as highly and provides some insight into future actions for members of Compassionate Birmingham network.
- The results are broad but provide a roadmap for further work in Birmingham.
- An agreed approach to the wider roll out of the Death Literacy Index will be discussed with the Compassionate Birmingham network to 'deep dive' into diverse communities.





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