Tuesday 15 November 2011: Researcher’s training day

09.30-10.00 Coffee and registration

10.00-10.25 Welcome and introduction: Professor Irene J Higginson, Director of the Cicely Saunders Institute
Overview of workshop objectives; introduction to the use of POS in research; benefits of using POS in research.

10.25-11.00 Using the Palliative care Outcome Scale (POS)
Dr Claudia Bausewein, Senior Clinical Research Fellow & Saunders Scholar, King’s College London, Cicely Saunders Institute
Why measuring palliative care outcomes is important; what the POS can and cannot tell us; reported benefits/challenges of using POS in research; integrating research and clinical practice.

11.00-11.15 Q&A Dr Claudia Bausewein (Chair)
Discussion of previous sessions and the groups’ experiences of using POS in research.

11.15-11.40 Refreshment break and poster exhibition

11.40-12.20 POS around the world: use and validation
Part 1: Dr Claudia Bausewein
Systematic review of POS versions and their use; use of POS in different study designs; use of other measures complementary with POS.

Part 2: Professor Richard Harding, Visiting Professor, University of Cape Town
The process of adapting and validating a measure, focusing on POS; translation and cultural adaptation; example of a validation study.

12.20-12.40 The structure of POS
Dr Richard Siegert, Reader in Rehabilitation, King’s College London, Cicely Saunders Institute
Results of factor analyses and implications for data analysis and interpretation

12.40-13.00 Q&A: Discussion of issues arising in adaption/validation/psychometrics
Dr Claudia Bausewein, Dr Richard Siegert and Lucy Selman, Research Associate, King’s College London, Cicely Saunders Institute

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-14.45 Breakout sessions Dr Barb Daveson, Research Fellow, King’s College London, Cicely Saunders Institute (Chair)
Each Facilitator to give a brief overview of the topic.
Each group to discuss experiences, challenges and solutions.

Group 1: Using POS for the first time: Dr Claudia Bausewein

Group 2: Analysis: Vicky Simms, Lecturer in Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Group 3: New ideas for research: Professor Irene J Higginson

14.45-15.00 Group feedback and discussion: Dr Barb Daveson (Chair)

15.00-15.15 Refreshment break

15.15-16.25 Latest research developments Lucy Selman (Chair)
10-minute presentations followed by 5-minute discussions.

1. Dr Gill Highet, Lead Researcher, Palliative Care Service, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
2. Vicky Simms, Lecturer in Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
3. Barbara Antunes, Marie Curie PhD Training Fellow, King’s College London, Cicely Saunders Institute
4. Katrien Moens, The Cicely Saunders International PhD Research Training Fellow, King’s College London, Cicely Saunders Institute

16.25-16.40 Summary and closing
Dr Claudia Bausewein & Dr Barb Daveson, King’s College London, Cicely Saunders Institute
Drawing together the themes from the presentations and what we can learn from others’ experiences.