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## End-of-life care

Sir, Your leading article "Quality of Death" (May 21) mentioned a Spanish study which showed that "a shift towards home-based palliative care can yield savings of more than 60 per cent". Research from the UK has given similar findings.

In two separate studies, the Nuffield

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Trust found that when people have access to the Marie Curie nursing service — which provides care to people with a terminal illness in their own homes — they were twice as likely to die at home as those without a Marie Curie nurse and had total care costs of £500 less than people who had not been provided with one.

Enabling people to die in the place of their choice — usually their own homes — is critically important. The research shows that not only is this right for people and their families, it is also cost-effective for the NHS.

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