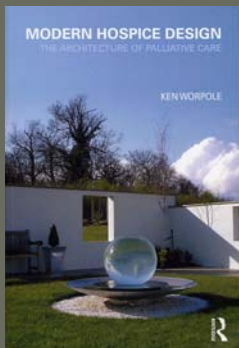


DESIGNING WITH DIGNITY

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The argument

The design agenda in end of life care arises from:

De-institutionalisation of palliative care

De-medicalisation of palliative practices

DE-INSTITUTIONALISATION

At beginning of 20th Century
85% people died at home.

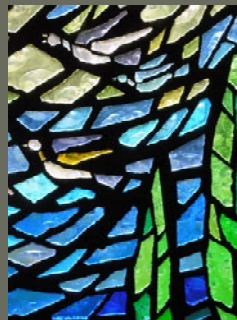
Mid-20th Century 50% died at home.

Today majority die in hospitals
or residential homes.

54% of all NHS complaints
concern treatment of the dying.



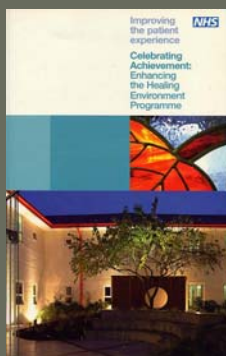
De-medicalisation



Zygmunt Bauman:
Hospitals try to
deconstruct or tame
death by pretending it
is a series of small
medical battles.

At St Christophers they
dispensed with all
medical procedures.

Enhancing the Healing Environment



Key design & architectural issues:

- Location
- Domestic in scale and appearance
- Is it a religious building?
- Single rooms or shared rooms?
- A living village
- The central importance of the garden
- These are all issues shared by the HAPPI report on 'Housing our Ageing Population' (2010)

