**Figure 1 CONSORT flow diagram for the CCMM study**

Nurses from two study sites randomised

n=12 (6 S England; 6 S Wales)

**INTERVENTION**

Nurses n=6(3 SE; 3 SW)

**CONTROL**

Nurses n=6(3 SE; 3 SW)

Palliative care patients screened for eligibility n=101

Palliative care patients screened for eligibility n=64

**Excluded as ineligible n=80**

Not eligible (eg not cancer, no carer, no pain) n=55

Doubts about capacity to consent n=19

Other n=6

**Excluded as ineligible n=48**

Not eligible (eg not cancer, no carer, no pain) n=21

Doubts about capacity to consent n=19

Other n=8

**Dyads invited n=16**

**Dyads invited n=21**

Declined n=10

Declined n=6

**Gave verbal consent n=15**

**Gave verbal consent n=6**

Died n=1

Withdrew n=5

**Completed baseline questionnaires n=9**

**Completed baseline questionnaires n=6**

Died n=2

Nurse left study n=1

**Received intervention n=6**

Died n=1

Died n=1

Patient asleep n=1

**Completed** **week 1 follow up n=5**

**Completed week 1 follow up n=4**

Died n=1

**Completed week 4 follow up n=4**

**Completed week 4 follow up n=4**