

Palliative care decision making groups

Statewide Services

Function in implementing Strengthening Palliative Care Policy (SPCP)

Represent the specialist groups and issues that receive Department of Human Services palliative care funding in Victoria.

Role

- provide expertise on specialist issues (HIV, MND, cancer, paediatrics, bereavement) to palliative care consortia and the department.

Responsibilities

- provide advice and expertise re: specific issues as required by consortia and the department
- consider model of each service linking with one consortium for a period of time.

Structure

- comprises CEO (or nominee) of:
 - Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria (MND Vic)
 - HIV Consultancy
 - Victorian Paediatric Palliative Care Program (VPPCP)
 - Very Special Kids (VSK)
 - Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
 - Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement (ACGB).
- membership may expand to include other specialist services not funded by the palliative care program
- meet annually as a group.

Communication/relationship with other groups

- provide advice to consortia on specific issues as requested
- attend statewide palliative care meetings
- take a leadership role in presenting at the statewide meeting.