

Palliative care decision making groups

Academic Centres

Function in implementing *Strengthening palliative care: Policy and strategic directions 2011–2015 (policy)*

Provide academic expertise and rigour to the implementation of the policy

Services

- Centre for Palliative Care (a collaborative centre of The University of Melbourne and auspiced by St Vincent's Health)
- Chair in Palliative Medicine (auspiced by Monash University and Southern Health)
- Palliative Care Unit (auspiced by La Trobe University)
- Department of Pain and Palliative Care (Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre)
- Vivian Bullwinkel, Chair in Palliative Care Nursing (financially supported by Monash University)

Role

- Undertake research and education to improve the quality of care for people with a life-threatening illness
- Provide advice and support in undertaking and applying academic research and evaluation to develop best practice principles in partnership with consortia and palliative care services

Responsibilities

- Work with the Department of Health and other key groups to inform the policy's implementation through evidence and research
- Link with clinical services, healthcare agencies and community groups to assist in developing an evidence base for service development
- Facilitate learning and translational research opportunities for palliative care services, consortia and their member agencies
- Provide linkage, dissemination of information and support for people undertaking palliative care research and/or postgraduate education in Victoria
- Participate in the Victorian Palliative Care Research Network, as appropriate, to progress statewide research priorities to benefit palliative care services, clients and carers
- Provide advice to consortia, palliative care services and other individual agencies on specific issues as requested
- Link with each individual consortium on an as-needs basis
- Link with other relevant research groups

Communication / relationship with other groups

- Provide advice to consortia, palliative care services and other individual agencies on specific issues as requested
- Attend and contribute to statewide palliative care meetings

- Receive and disseminate the departmental update as appropriate