

Specialist Palliative Care in Aged Care

Project working groups

Expression of Interest: Consumers

Clinical Excellence Queensland invites expressions of interest from consumers with relevant interest to participate in working groups that will support delivery of the **Specialist Palliative Care in Aged Care (SPACE)** Project in Queensland.

Background

The proportion of older Australians dying in Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs) is increasing. While most end-of-life care in RACFs is provided by generalist healthcare workers, specialist palliative care teams support people with life-limiting illnesses with complex care needs by providing direct care and supporting other healthcare workers to deliver care.

Under the Commonwealth Government's *Comprehensive Palliative Care in Aged Care* measure, funding has been allocated by the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments to provide new and innovative approaches and expansion of existing models to improve palliative and end-of-life care coordination for older people living in RACFs. Each Hospital and Health Service (HHS) (with the exception of Children's Health Queensland) has been allocated funding to improve access to specialist palliative care support in RACFs. A key aim of the project is to increase the capacity and capability of general practice and RACF staff to deliver care at the end of life.

Working group requirements

Three working groups – each with its own membership and remit – will be formed:

- i. **Service Principles:** Each HHS will develop and implement a model appropriate for the local context; however, each model will need to align with a set of consistent core service principles. This working group will determine what these core service principles are.
- ii. **Evaluation Framework:** This working group will develop an evaluation framework that outlines the data to be collected at HHS and statewide level to measure the impact of the project.
- iii. **Education:** This working group will review relevant state and national educational materials relating to specialist palliative care in aged care. The group will identify gaps and make recommendations for materials to be promoted and/or implemented by HHS teams.

Members of each working group will be required to:

- attend a monthly meeting (day and time TBC, videoconference/in-person)
- provide expertise, advice, support and feedback
- participate in ad hoc discussions over email and by telephone

Remuneration

Consumer members will receive first tier remuneration in line with the *Metro North Hospital and Health Service: Engaging consumers in advisory roles - reimbursement of expenses and payment of engagement fees Procedure*:

- \$187 for activities up to and including 4 hours duration
- \$374 for activities over 4 hours duration.

These payments are inclusive of preparation time. Travel time associated with participation will not be covered. Reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses is not included in this rate and is to be offered in addition to payments.

Application process

To be considered for membership on one of the working groups, please complete the attached Expression of Interest form. Applications close **Sunday 18 October 2020**.

Please contact Caitlin Lock at CareAtEOL@health.qld.gov.au or (07) 3646 6838 with any questions.