



Country WA PHN Activity Work Plan

PHN Pilots & Targeted Programs

Summary View
2021/2022 – 2024/25

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PP&TP–GCPC 1000 – Greater Choice for At Home Palliative Care Program

Activity Title

Greater Choice for At Home Palliative Care Program

Activity Number

1000

Existing, Modified or New Activity

Modified

PHN Program Key Priority Area

Aged Care

Aim of Activity

Improved awareness of local palliative care options and improved coordination of care and linkages across the sectors – health, aged care, primary care, palliative care – to support improved access to services at the end of life.

Build on the Greater Choice Pilot for At Home Palliative Care (GCfAHPC) investment to date to further embed palliative care initiatives in the Great Southern region of Country WA PHN.

Description of Activity

The Greater Choice for At Home Palliative Care Program will provide up to two FTE in 2021-22 to 2024-25.

Great Southern Greater Choice for At Home Palliative Care pilot activity.

- Continue to embed the Greater Choice for At Home Palliative Care project into the Great Southern Business as Usual operations.
- Share information, learnings and tools to support new Primary Health Networks (PHN) joining the project to plan and implement activities in their area.

Plan for the expansion of Greater Choice for At Home Palliative Care project in other areas of the Country WA PHN.

- Increase general practitioner (GP) awareness of and linkage to existing palliative, community and aged care services.
- To build capability of GPs to care for people requiring palliative care in the community, including Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFS), drawing on the available programs under the National Palliative Care Projects to avoid

duplication and ensure a consistent and collaborative approach to building workforce capacity.

- Implement learning needs analysis (mapping) to identify areas of strength and areas for development in end-of-life care and palliative care, and prioritise activity locations.
- Collaborate and work with key stakeholders, including state governments, local health networks and local governments to ensure that the activities link with / leverage existing services.
- Identify existing jurisdictional and national workforce education programs that will address learning needs.
- Develop, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, communication processes across service providers, including how to access palliative care support and advice afterhours.
- Implementing a palliative care related continuous improvement program for general practices.
- Participation in related Greater Choice initiative networks and workshops.

During 2021-22, the project will focus on:

- Embedding the Great Southern Greater Choice for At Home Palliative Care project.
- Expansion of the governance structure.
- Undertake a needs assessment to inform the planning and development of activities, including identification of target geographical areas.
- Consult with key stakeholders to inform planning, including state representatives and Greater Choice Pilot Project sites.
- Developing a plan of activity that builds on, but does not duplicate existing infrastructure, local workforce and the Australian Government's and State Government's investments.
- Establish mechanism for qualitative and quantitative data collection and outcome measurement, including baseline data.
- Project reporting requirements.

During 2022-23 to 2024-25, the project will focus on:

- Implementation of the plan.
- Monitoring and evaluation of the plan.
- Data collection and review.
- Project reporting requirements.

Country WA PHN Needs Assessment Priorities

Priority	Page reference
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CGP1.2 Support primary care providers to improve the management of patients with chronic conditions and reduce unnecessary hospitalisations through effective care pathways.	105
CGP1.3 Improve the management of chronic conditions for ageing populations, reduce unnecessary hospitalisations, an increase in palliative care services and increase awareness of programs	105
CGP1.11 Ensure all populations have access to accessible and equitable health care.	110

Coverage

Country WA PHN region

Activity Duration
Activity Start Date
Activity End Date

1 March 2018	31 October 2025
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Activity Planned Expenditure

FY 21 22	FY 22 23	FY 23 24	FY 24 25	Total
\$405,653.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$1,305,653.00

PP&TP-AHPGPE-1000 – COVID Allied Health Package GP Education

Activity Title

COVID Allied Health Package GP Education

Activity Number

1000

Existing, Modified or New Activity

New Activity

PHN Program Key Priority Area

Aged Care

Aim of Activity

Deliver a GP education package to general practitioners and other primary care providers in Country WA PHN which will include:

- The importance of providing allied health services to people with dementia and other residents with complex medical needs in Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACF).
- The new temporary MBS allied health and mental health items for residents of aged care facilities.
- How the new MBS items can be used to support the residents of aged care facilities.

Description of Activity

Three Education Sessions will be conducted for general practitioners and for other relevant primary care practitioners, in Country WA PHN between April 2021 and June 2022.

The education sessions will be a mix of virtual and face to face sessions and targeted to practitioners who have patients who are resident in RACFs.

The sessions will be supplemented by a wider GP education package including:

- The expansion and further localising of the existing HealthPathways WA Older Adult Health Pathways
- The development of new pathways based on common areas of concern.
- Dedicated Practice Assist information page for GPs who have patients in RACFs, including relevant Factsheets such as <https://www.practiceassist.com.au/The-Tool-Kit/Medicare-Australia>

- The promotion of other training opportunities for GPs that highlight the importance of providing allied health services to people with dementia and other complex needs residing in RACFs.

This activity will be made available to all GPs and other primary carers across the PHN Region but will prioritise practitioners who have patients who are resident in RACFs.

Country WA PHN Needs Assessment Priorities

Priority	Page reference
CGP1.3 Improve the management of chronic conditions for ageing populations, reduce unnecessary hospitalisations, an increase in palliative care services and increase awareness of programs	105
CMHP2.9 Support the mental health of older people and assist primary care providers to identify older people who may need additional support or referrals to services	115

Coverage

Country WA PHN region

Activity Duration

Activity Start Date

Activity End Date

22 February 2021

30 June 2022

Activity Planned Expenditure

FY 21 22	FY 22 23	FY 23 24	FY 24 25	Total
\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00