



Perth North PHN Activity Work Plan

PHN Pilots & Targeted Programs

**Summary View
2021/2022 – 2024/25**

**Presented to the Australian Government Department of
Health**

Contents

PP&TP–GCPC 1000 – Greater Choice for At Home Palliative Care Program	3
PP&TP-AHPGPE-1000 – COVID Allied Health Package GP Education.....	6

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

New Activity

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

Description of Activity

The Greater Choice for At Home Palliative Care Program will provide up to one Full Time Equivalent (FTE) in 2021-22 and up to two FTE from 2022-23 to 2024-25.

The focus of the activity will be to:

- Increase general practitioner (GP) awareness of and linkage to existing palliative, community, and aged care services.
- 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, 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 after-hours.
- Implement a palliative care related continuous quality improvement program for general practices.
- Participate in related Greater Choice initiative networks and workshops.

During 2021-22 the project will focus on:

- Establishing the governance structure.
- Undertaking a needs assessment to inform the planning and development of activities, including identification of target geographical area.
- Consulting with key stakeholders to inform planning, including State representatives and Greater Choice Pilot Project sites.
- Developing a plan of activity that builds on, but not duplicates, existing infrastructure, local workforce and the Australian Government's and State's investments.
- Establishing mechanisms 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.

Perth North PHN Needs Assessment Priorities

Priority	Page reference
PNGP1.7 Reduce non-urgent emergency department attendances and improve access to alternative services.	90
PNGP1.11 Improve the management of chronic conditions for ageing populations, including a reduction in unnecessary hospitalisations, an increase in palliative care services and advance care planning	92
PNGP1.3 Engage with primary health care providers and local hospital networks to improve transitions of care, care coordination and service linkages.	88

Coverage

Perth North PHN region

Activity Duration

Activity Start Date

Activity End Date

27 October 2021

31 October 2025

Activity Planned Expenditure

FY 21 22	FY 22 23	FY 23 24	FY 24 25	Total
\$150,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$1,050,000.00

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 Perth North 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 Perth North 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.

Perth North PHN Needs Assessment Priorities

Priority	Page reference
PNMH2.10 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.	98
PNGP1.11 Improve the management of chronic conditions for ageing populations, including a reduction in unnecessary hospitalisations, an increase in palliative care services, advanced care planning.	92

Coverage

Perth North 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