



NPCP: PALLIATIVE CARE IN PRISONS

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PROJECT UPDATES

Resources for Palliative Care during COVID-19

The global COVID-19 pandemic has created a dynamic and complex environment in which to provide palliative care, particularly in institutions. [CareSearch](#) and [palliAGED](#) have gathered national and international resources to assist providers to create a safe environment for both health care or other workers, and people with palliative care needs.

A comprehensive [Resource Exchange](#) for information and guidance on COVID-19 for various health care disciplines and settings is being hosted by CareSearch.

We send our best wishes to all care providers during this time.

How to contact the UTS Project Team

If you need to contact the UTS project team at IMPACCT, please email our new email address:

PalCarePrisons@uts.edu.au

Date of next meeting

Unfortunately due to COVID-19, our first project meeting was postponed as many of our participating clinicians were busy providing care and support for those affected.

Please complete indicate your availability for a rescheduled meeting by responding to the following poll:

<https://doodle.com/poll/8izwwxrh9meawe44> by close of business Friday 22 May, 2020.

Welcome to Project

PROFESSOR JANE PHILLIPS



Welcome to *Strengthening access to best evidence based care for people with palliative care needs in Australian prisons: a national co-design and capacity building project (GO1995)*; a National Palliative Care Project (NPCP).

The aim of this project is to co-design a palliative model of care for Australian Prisoners with end-of-life needs inclusive of education policy, and build on the correctional health workforce's palliative care capacity through an education program for correctional clinicians. Additionally, to foster relationships between correctional health services from Australian states and open a dialogue regarding healthcare standards and practices. This will be co-ordinated by the Centre for Improving Palliative, Aged and Chronic Care through Clinical Research and Translation (IMPACCT) at the University of Technology Sydney.

I would like to extend our thanks to all consortium members that participated in the application process last year. As you know, we were successful in securing approximately \$1.2 million in funding over three years starting on July 1, 2020. Due to the current global pandemic, an immediate three month extension has been granted to all recipients.

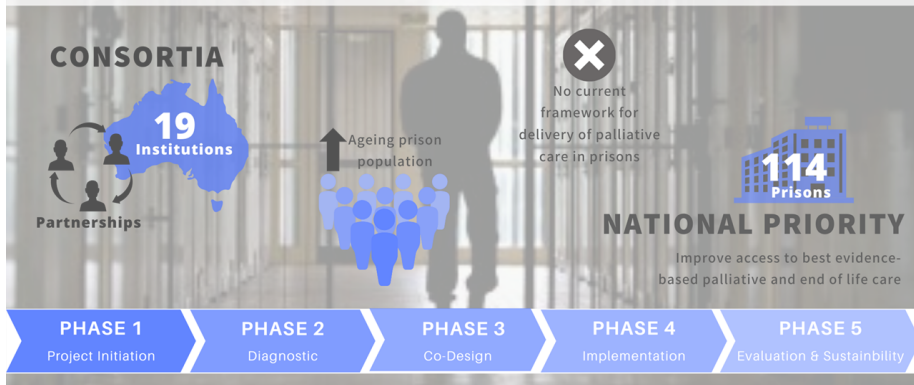
Throughout the project, IMPACCT will produce newsletters to update consortium members with ongoing progress of the project. I look forward to sharing these updates as we progress, and encourage you to contact myself, or the team, should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Jane Phillips

PALLIATIVE CARE NEEDS IN AUSTRALIAN PRISONS

A NATIONAL CO-DESIGN AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT



Project Overview

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the complex situation in which we find ourselves. COVID-19 has greatly impacted all aspects of our community, and is creating a rapidly changing, highly dynamic research and health care space.

This has been acknowledged by the Federal Department of Health, who have stated their intention to work closely with grant recipients to ensure that projects can be undertaken using a flexible approach.

This initiative is a three year, multi-phase, nationwide project co-ordinated by palliative care experts and academics from UTS. We are pleased to report that we have engaged correctional health care service providers from each state and territory to participate in this project, in addition to experts and academics from other universities and health care providers. The project will be undertaken in the following phases:

1. MAP NEEDS OF PRISONERS AND HEALTH SERVICES: YEAR 1

Undertake a needs assessment regarding prisoners and the current state of palliative care services in each state. Identify gaps in services and document unmet needs.

2. CO-DESIGN A MODEL OF PALLIATIVE CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE CORRECTIONAL SETTING: YEARS 2-3

Co-develop a model of palliative care in prisons, and an education program directly tailored for correctional clinicians.

3. FORM A PALLIATIVE CARE POLICY FRAMEWORK: YEARS 2-3

Create a national palliative care policy for correctional facilities, including a standardised service provision framework.

As we prepare to undertake this project, we look forward to working with our investigators and project partners to make the most of this opportunity to improve palliative care in Australian correctional facilities.

If you have any questions, please contact PalCarePrisons@uts.edu.au

PROJECT CONSORTIUM

Project Partners

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT Justice Health
Canberra Health Services

NEW SOUTH WALES

Calvary Health Care Kogarah
NSW Justice Health Services and Forensic Mental Health Network
South Eastern Sydney Local Health District
The Sydney Partnership for Health, Education, Research and Enterprise (SPHERE)
Western Sydney University

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Northern Territory Department of Health, Correctional Services

QUEENSLAND

QLD Health, Officer of Prison Health and Wellbeing
Queensland University of Technology
QUT Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation - Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach (PEPA)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

South Australian Prison Health Services

TASMANIA

Tasmanian Health Service

VICTORIA

CorrectCare Australasia
Justice Health Victoria
St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne
University of Melbourne, Palliative Medicine Research Group

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australia Corrective Services, Health Service

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A/Prof Megan Williams

Dr Robyn Brogan

Dr Michael Chapman

Dr Stacy Panozzo

Dr Christine Sanderson

INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT WORKING GROUPS

As this is a wide-reaching and multi-faceted project, working groups focusing on individual elements of the project will be established. The first group to be convened will be planning the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Engagement Strategy.

Working groups will contribute to determining the approach to defined sub-domains of the project. The next working groups to be established will be those regarding conducting the gap analysis, and later this year, the capacity-building strategy. Groups to formulate a new model of care, and assess program evaluation and sustainability will be gathered later in the project. This will be discussed further at the first National Project Advisory Group meeting.

Each working group will agree to Terms of Reference, a meeting schedule and defined deliverable(s). The proposed meeting schedule specified that each active working group would meet once every two months for the life of the group, or as needed.

Membership in working groups is available to all project partners and investigators by expression of interest. Members may choose to participate in multiple working groups as relevant to their specialties or interests. Expressions of interest will be disseminated primarily via email, but may also be included in newsletters.

We look forward to establishing these in partnership with consortium members.



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

A working group to develop and shape the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Engagement Strategy is being convened, lead by A/Prof Megan Williams from the University of Sydney. This group will inform and design a strategy to collaborate with indigenous people in prison, their families and the broader community to best understand and address their needs.

**If you are interested in participating in this working group,
please contact PalCarePrisons@uts.edu.au
by close of business, Wednesday May 27, 2020.**

UTS PROJECT INVESTIGATORS

Prof Jane Phillips (Lead)

Jane Phillips is the Director of IMPACCT and Professor of Palliative Nursing. Prof Phillips has extensive experience in defining and implementing evidence-based improvements in health care across diverse settings, and has led a number of major cancer and palliative care reform initiatives at local and national levels.



Prof David Currow

David Currow is Professor of Palliative Medicine and an internationally recognised expert in improving the delivery of palliative care. For the past decade, David has acted as CEO for the Cancer Institute NSW leading reform in cancer care services across the state.



Prof Meera Agar

Meera Agar is a palliative medicine physician and research lead for South West Sydney LHD District Palliative Care Service, Clinical Trial Director at the Ingham Institute and current President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine.



Prof Deb Parker

Deb Parker is the Professor of Aged Care (Dementia), with a research focus in palliative care for older people, dementia and health services evaluation in aged care. She was the lead investigator on the Palliative Approach Toolkit; an evidence-based knowledge translation product that has been provided to every residential aged care facility in Australia.



A/Prof Louise Hickman

Louise Hickman is an Associate Professor at IMPACCT and Director of Palliative Care programs,; partnering with consumers, students, clinicians and industry to create authentic and valuable learning experiences. Her program of research focuses on ageing, palliative care, heart failure and evidence-translation.



A/Prof Michelle DiGiacomo

Michelle DiGiacomo is Associate Professor of Research, with a focus on the interaction of health services with vulnerable populations including indigenous people, particularly regarding access and appropriateness of care.



Dr Nicole Heneka

Nicole Heneka is an experienced palliative care researcher with expertise in mixed methods research and implementation science. Her research focuses on health professional education, and quality and safety in palliative care.



Dr Irina Kinchin

Irina Kinchin is a Senior Research Fellow in Health Economics who specialises in research and evaluation projects of interventions for vulnerable populations including those at risk of suicide, Indigenous Australians and suffering from substance abuse issues..



Dr Tim Luckett

Tim Luckett is a Speech Pathologist by training with expertise in quantitative and qualitative research and outcome measurement. His research focuses on development and evaluation of complex interventions for people with life-limiting illnesses and their families.



Ms Isabelle Schaefer

Isabelle Schaefer is a research officer at IMPACCT who has worked on several systematic and scoping reviews, and contributed to a national government-funded audit.



Project Partner Biography: *A/Prof Megan Williams*

Megan Williams, a Wiradjuri descendent, is an Associate Professor at the University of Sydney and works in her role as Research Lead and Assistant Director of the National Centre for Cultural Competence.

Megan is experienced in research translation, drawing out insights from research for educators, health planners and policy makers. She has government and industry funding and collaborations for research, including for workforce development, prisoner health and facilitation of community driven research. Megan has contributed to defining pillars of government policy, and for program evaluation uses her Ngaa-bi-nya (said naa-bin-ya) Aboriginal framework published in the Evaluation Journal of Australasia.

Megan is a commissioning editor of independent health media organisation Croakey.org, committed to conveying Indigenous research and personal stories to communities, parliamentarians and media.



Project Partner Biography: *A/Prof Penny Abbott*

Penny Abbott is an academic general practitioner working as an Associate Professor for Western Sydney University and, in the clinical setting, as a GP in a women's prison. Penny is also an active member of the SPHERE Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Clinical Academic Group, and is a board member with the NSW Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network.

Penny brings expertise in healthcare for people in prison and in primary health, with a focus on underserved populations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. A member of the RACGP Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and the RACGP Special Interest Network in Custodial Medicine, A/Prof Abbott will further contribute expert insight into gap analyses and development of capacity-building strategies for correctional clinicians and staff.



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