

PALLIATIVE CARE IN PRISONS PROJECT

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Next meetings

NATIONAL CONSORTIA PROJECT ADVISORY GROUP

- Wednesday 2 December 2020
14:30-16:00 AEST
- Tuesday 2 March 2021
14:00-15:30 AEST

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY WORKING GROUP

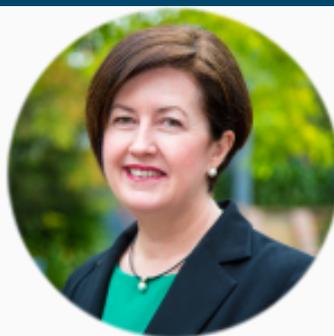
- Wednesday 11 November 2020
14:00-15:00 AEST
- To be advised, February 2021

CORRECTIONAL/JUSTICE HEALTH SERVICES WORKING GROUP

- Thursday 5 November 2020
12:30-13:30 AEST
- Tuesday 9 February 2021
14:00-15:00 AEST

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Message from Project Lead

PROFESSOR JANE PHILLIPS

Welcome to the second edition of the Palliative Care in Prisons Project Newsletter. I am delighted to report that the large three year national project has well and truly commenced. The University of Technology (UTS) Project team have been appointed and commenced in their new roles and each of the project team are introduced on page 5.

We are also pleased to have finalised our project branding, including the national project logo on this newsletter, and have submitted our first progress report to the Department of Health. In this Newsletter, you will get to meet several of our consortia members: Liz Lobb, Paul Grimmond and Josie Cullen.

I would like to thank all of our consortium members who have participated in our meetings and working group meetings. We have established the National Consortia Project Advisory Group, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Engagement Strategy Working Group and the Correctional/Justice Health Services Working Group. A governance structure for the National Consortia Project Advisory Group and working groups has been established. Given there are lots of groups being formed, we hope the Figure on page 2 provides an overview of the various working groups and project phases. Moving forward, the meetings will provide more opportunities for the Consortium members to engage and contribute towards the project activities.

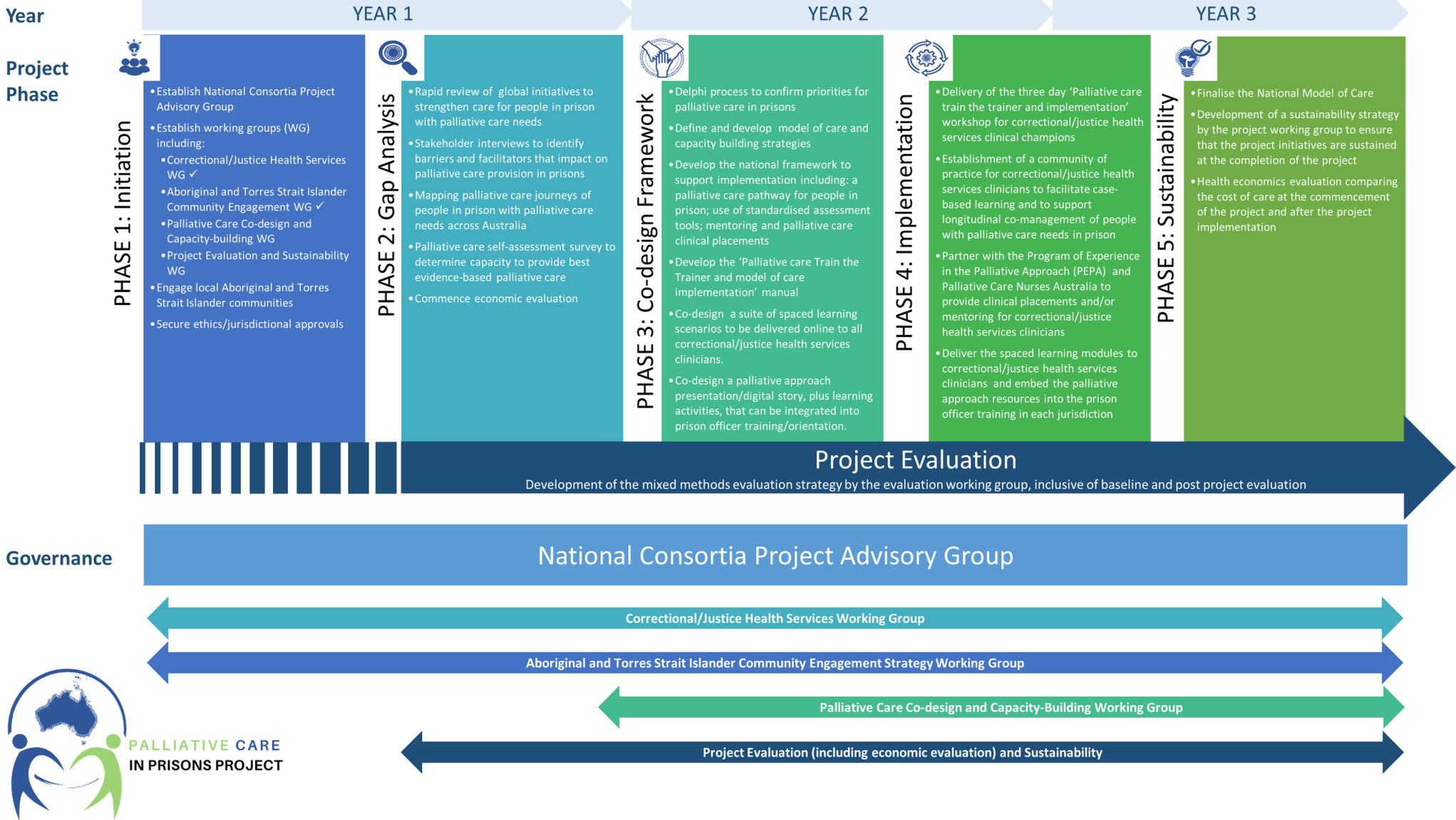
Updates from the working groups are provided on page 3 of the newsletter. Please reach out to the project team if you would like more information about these groups and the work they are undertaking, or to join a specific working group.

In consultation with the Correctional/Justice Health Services Working Group and our discussions with jurisdictional partners, the UTS project team have been progressing the approach for mapping the palliative care needs of people in prison, including: an organisational assessment; chart audits; and interviews with key internal and external stakeholders. Data from these activities will be analysed in a process mapping exercise to create a visual map of a patient's journey when receiving palliative care.

While the evolving COVID-19 pandemic has required us to modify our approach, with the assistance of our project partners we have readily adapted to our new working environment. Thank you to all members for your enthusiasm and engagement so far, and please don't hesitate to reach out to me via the project team.

Kind regards,

Jane Phillips



Project Phase Diagram

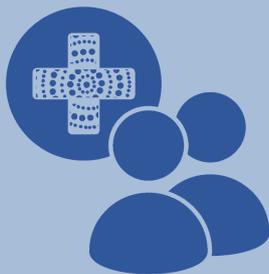
WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Correctional/Justice Health Services Working Group

This working group provides guidance and input into operationalising project activities, assists the project team in negotiating the delivery of the proposed activities within the correctional environment and facilitates implementation of overall project objectives.

The working group, led by Professor Jane Phillips, met in June, August and September of this year. During phases one and two, the group will continue to advise the project team on how best to approach data collection and practical implementation of data gathering within the various jurisdictions.

The next Correctional/Justice Health Services Working Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday 5 November, 2020 between 12:30-13:30 AEST via Microsoft Teams.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Engagement Strategy Working Group

“Ngadhu nginyalgir gawaymbanhadhu”

Welcome all, in the language of the Wiradjuri people



Welcome to this update on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Working Group, which is made up of National Palliative Care Project team members and other close colleagues with experiences of palliative care with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and/or in the criminal justice system.

Since Project commencement in July, the Working Group has convened two meetings under the leadership of Wiradjuri A/Professor Megan Williams from the National Centre for Cultural Competence and Sydney Institute of Criminology at the University of Sydney.

The Terms of Reference for the Working Group have been endorsed as ‘living documents’ to reflect the evolving and reciprocal nature of community engagement. Minutes of this Working Group will be cross-tabled with those of the Correctional/Justice Health Services Working Group to ensure ongoing, open sharing of communication and information.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Working Group membership continues to grow by including health service providers and researchers across Australia. The Working Group has drafted an Engagement Strategy, entitled ‘Yanhi yanirra’ – “to come to one’s assistance” in the language of the Wiradjuri Peoples of central NSW to whom Megan belongs.

The first draft of the Yanhi yanirra engagement Strategy will be circulated for feedback in the coming weeks. Key to the Engagement Strategy are:

- the formation of an Aboriginal Advisory Group; and
- a book of stories about Working Group member experiences in palliative care to share among Elders, service providers and community members about the depth of their work, in a spirit of reciprocity and respect.



The next Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Working Group meeting is scheduled to be held via Microsoft Teams on 11 November, 2020, from 14:00-15:00 hours AEST. If you would like to join or have a story about palliative care among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to share, please get in touch via megan.williams@sydney.edu.au.

Project Partner Biographies

Prof Liz Lobb

Liz Lobb has established national and international research collaborations and pursued independent multi-disciplinary collaborations in oncology, haematology, cancer genetics, palliative care and bereavement for 24 years. Liz holds an academic appointment as Professor of Palliative Care at Calvary Health Care Sydney, an Adjunct appointment as Professor of Palliative Care (Allied Health) in the Faculty of Health, University of Technology and the School of Medicine, the University of Notre Dame Sydney.

Liz has worked clinically as a bereavement counsellor and educator for 30 years. She has facilitated training in loss, grief and bereavement and support of practitioners working in areas as diverse as domestic violence, aged care, sexual assault, disabilities, foster care, prisons and refugee advocacy. Liz has also facilitated post-graduate training in bereavement counselling for general practitioners, nurses, clinical psychologists, social workers and welfare workers.

Liz has been an advisor to the Commonwealth of Australia Department of Health & Ageing and the NSW Ministry of Health and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Palliative Care Network of the Agency for Clinical Innovation.



Paul Grimmond

Paul is the Network Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services at Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network and has worked with the Network for 7 years. He is responsible for the overall functional operation of health services in female and male adult and adolescent correctional centres, Long Bay Hospital, Integrated Care Services and police cell complexes in NSW. Paul has over 30 years nursing experience and 23 years management and leadership experience in a number of metropolitan and tertiary hospitals.

Paul's clinical background is predominantly in cancer and palliative care and he has held a number of senior nursing positions in both inpatient and community settings. Paul has worked with marginalised populations for a number of years and this is evidenced by his commitment to ensure patients in the custodial system receive the highest quality of care. Paul is passionate in his approach to assist the professional development of staff and others through strong leadership and decision making so as to ensure excellence in patient care delivery.

Paul is currently the Co Chair of the Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network Palliative Care Model of Care Steering Committee which will identify gaps in provision of palliative care and consultations, support workforce capacity and capability development, and encourage collaboration and practice change through engagement and partnership between services and health professionals to ensure a high standard of palliative care is available to patients in custody.



Josie Cullen

Josie Cullen is a project officer at Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network, New South Wales currently working in the Clinical Improvement Unit on a Palliative Care Model of Care project.

Josie is experienced in project management following clinical redesign methodology, and research ethics and governance. Previously working in community health and case management in the non-government organisation sector, Josie is passionate about public health and improving continuity of health care and service provision to prevent patients falling through the gaps.

The Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network Palliative Care Model of Care project aims to provide patients with end of life and palliative care based on their individual needs and provide clinicians with the necessary skills and knowledge to provide high quality end of life and palliative care. The project will address the five priorities in the NSW Health End of Life and Palliative Care Framework 2019-2024:

1. Care is person centred
2. There is recognition and support for families and carers
3. There is access to care providers across all settings who are skilled and competent in end of life and palliative care
4. Care is well-coordinated and integrated
5. Access to quality care is equitable

The project is currently in the diagnostic stage, undertaking consultation, process mapping, prioritising key issues and reviewing research and best practices. This will enable a deeper understanding of the current state, and position the Network to develop project solutions for implementation.



PROJECT CONSORTIUM

PROJECT PARTNERS

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT Justice Health
Canberra Health Services

NEW SOUTH WALES

Calvary Health Care Kogarah
Justice Health 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 Correctional Services
Northern Territory Department of Health

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

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

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australia Corrective Services, Health Service

NATIONAL

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Prof Liz Lobb
Prof Jennifer Philip
Prof John Scott
A/Prof Penelope Abbott
A/Prof Richard Chye
A/Prof Megan Williams
Dr Robyn Brogan
Dr Michael Chapman
Dr Stacy Panozzo
Dr Christine Sanderson

PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS

KIM OFFNER - PROJECT MANAGER

Registered Nurse and clinical educator, Kim has worked in palliative care across both acute hospital and community settings. Her 30 years of experience has included roles in health management, education and training, clinical consultancy and research in both Australia and the UK. Kim has a Masters of Public Health as well as post graduate qualifications in health education and critical care nursing.



SALLY FIELDING - PROJECT OFFICER

Sally Fielding is a project officer at IMPACCT. Sally has a Masters of Public Health and has a background as a registered nurse with experience in oncology roles across the health care sector.



ISABELLE SCHAEFER - PROJECT OFFICER

Isabelle Schaefer is a project officer at IMPACCT. Isabelle has a BMedSci and MScMed (Infnlmm), and has experience in resource evaluation, gap analysis and systematic reviews.



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