

PALLIATIVE CARE IN PRISONS PROJECT

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Message from Project Lead

PROFESSOR JANE PHILLIPS

Welcome to Issue 11 of the Palliative Care in Prisons (PIP) Project Newsletter.

It's been an exciting period of progress since our last update, and we're thrilled to share the latest developments with you. Firstly, I'm delighted to introduce [Dr. Stephanie Edwards](#) as our new Project Coordinator, who joined us in February 2024. Stephanie brings invaluable expertise in psychology, with a focus on mental health, substance use, and HIV research and ethics. You'll have the chance to meet her during our upcoming project group meetings.

In late 2023, we had the privilege of participating in the Parliamentary Friends of Palliative Care event at Parliament House. This was followed by our engagement in the two-day National Palliative Care workshop, hosted by Palliative Care Australia with Commonwealth support. These events provided rich insights into other projects and fostered potential collaborations.

Expanding on this collaborative spirit, we recently convened a [Queensland co-design workshop](#), held at QUT Kelvin Grove in February 2024. Through the Sydney and Brisbane co-design workshops, we have with our correctional services and justice health partners formulated proposed capacity-building strategies for the next 18 months, pending confirmation by the National Project Advisory Group.

Our national Community of Practice initiative with a stimulating discussion on Voluntary Assisted Dying and its implications for individuals in prison, held on February 24, 2024. It was a pleasure to have Penny Neller, Lawyer, Project Manager at the National Palliative Care Projects Australian Centre for Health Law Research, QUT, and Andrew Wiley, Director of the SA Prison Health Service, join us and speak to the legal, ethical and practical aspects of operationalising this law in our prisons.

Additionally, we've received final governance approvals to gather remaining data from New South Wales and Victoria. We're in the last stages of securing approvals for data collection in Western Australia and commencing the process in Queensland. As we transition into the implementation phase and begin planning for the National Framework, your continued input and engagement are invaluable.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support as we work towards our project goals.

Kind regards,

Jane Phillips



Parliamentary Friends of Palliative Care

PROJECT PARTNER BIOGRAPHY

STEPHANIE EDWARDS BPsySci, PhD

Stephanie has recently joined the National Palliative Care in Prisons Project as a project manager. Stephanie has a background in Psychology with experience in providing mental health services in community and acute settings and the employment services sector, as well as well as conducting and co-ordinating health research. Her research background is broad, including the areas of mental health, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and HIV. Stephanie was raised in rural Queensland and has experience working in both urban and rural/remote settings. Her background and combination of skills will make her a valuable addition to the National Palliative Care in Prisons Project team.



IPEPA ANIMATIONS: JUST LAUNCHED!



IPEPA Indigenous Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach
Your care. Our Mob.

Indigenous Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach (IPEPA) is a grassroots approach to breaking down the barriers to palliative care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia.

In addition to other resources, IPEPA now has ten short animations to support open conversations about death, dying and palliative care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

If you would like an update on current project resources to include on your websites, please contact pepa@qut.edu.au.

PEPA PLACEMENT

Register your interest [HERE](#)

Placements are available in all Australian states and territories for healthcare workers from a range of professions, roles, specialities, and contexts.

Specific placement information is available for each state and territory through contacting your [local PEPA team](#).

AUSTRALASIAN JUSTICE HEALTH NETWORK WEBINAR SERIES

Date	Presenter	Presentation Title
23 Feb	 Prof Nick Crofts AM Honorary Professional Fellow at University of Melbourne; Executive Director, Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association	<i>The role of law enforcement in achieving public health goals; or, How to sneakily reform policing...</i>
22 Mar	 Dr Candice Holland Infectious Diseases and Public Health Physician West Moreton Health and Metro North Health, QLD	<i>Outbreak of invasive Burkholderia infections in prisoners who inject drugs</i>
19 Apr	 Ms Tess Kelly Harvard University MPA, Juvenile Justice & Health Policy	<i>Unpacking the Black Box: Landscape analysis of healthcare access and quality in juvenile detention across the United States</i>
17 May	 Mr Patrick McGee Churchill Fellow; Disability and Justice Consultant	<i>Dismantling and replacing indefinite detention</i>
14 Jun	 Prof Julia Crilly OAM Professor of Emergency Care at Griffith University/Gold Coast Health	<i>Police watch houses, and people brought in by police to the emergency department</i>
12 Jul	 Dr Amanda Butler Assistant Professor in the School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University (BC, Canada)	<i>Overdose deaths among people who experience incarceration in Ontario, Canada</i>
9 Aug	 Prof Ed Heffernan Psychiatrist; Director – Queensland Forensic Mental Health Service; Faculty of Medicine, University of Queensland	TBA
6 Sep	 Ms Amanda Allen-Toland (Gomerai) Director, Aboriginal Health Justice Health, Department of Justice and Community Safety, Victoria	<i>Meeting the health needs of Aboriginal people in prison: Reflections on changes to custodial health care in Victoria</i>
4 Oct	 Prof Ian Freckelton AO KC King's Counsel; Professor of Law at University of Melbourne; Honorary Professor at Monash University; Editor at the Journal of Law and Medicine	TBA
1 Nov	 Prof Susanna Every-Palmer Head of Department of Psychological Medicine at University of Otago Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtago ki Poneke	<i>Trauma in custodial settings: RCT of EMDR for people with PTSD and psychosis receiving inpatient and prison based forensic care</i>
6 Dec	 Dr Mindy Sotiri Justice Reform Initiative Executive Director; Senior Visiting Fellow UNSW; Churchill Fellow	TBA

12:00pm
AEDT / AEST
(Feb - Mar; (Apr - Oct)
Nov - Dec)

ZOOM LINK
HERE



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QUEENSLAND CO-DESIGN CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

Following the National Co-Design Capacity Building Workshop held in Sydney 2023, a co-design workshop with key jurisdictional correction and justice health services personnel from across Queensland was held in Brisbane on the 16th of February 2024. The thirteen recommendations from the national workshop were reviewed and considered for Queensland. The full report of the Queensland co-design capacity building workshop will be disseminated for participants review in the coming weeks.



COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

Thank you for your commitment and contributions throughout the Palliative Care In Prisons Project. We are pleased to have delivered our first capacity building initiative: Communities of Practice session on Voluntary Assisted Death on the 22nd February 2024. You can view the recording [here](#). Further sessions will be conducted via Microsoft Teams and your attendance and expertise will greatly enrich the discussions of these sessions.

Suggested topics include:

- In-reach models of palliative care
- Advance Care Planning
- Dementia
- End of life essentials
- Safe handling – cytotoxic drugs, people, waste
- Pain management (including access within prison, managing PRN, and for those with pre-existing drug dependency)
- Managing opioids
- Palliative emergencies, treatments, and assessment.
- Geriatrics
- Intellectual disability
- Social and Emotional wellbeing
- Supervision

Should you have any questions or require further information about upcoming Community of Practice sessions or interest and preference for topics in the future, please feel free to contact the PiP team.

Community of Practice invitations to follow.

JOURNAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST

The Complex Ethical and Moral Experience of Left Ventricular Assist Device Deactivation

Pottash & Rao (2024)

A case presentation of a patient who attempted to deactivate the left ventricular assist device (LVAD) as a suicide attempt. [Link](#)

Ethical considerations regarding mental disorder and medical assistance in dying (MAiD) in the prison population

Simpson et al (2023)

An overview of challenges of access to MAiD for people in prison with terminal conditions. [Link](#)

Both sides of the fence: Methodological and challenges in undertaking research into end of life care for prisoners

Turner et al (2014)

Presents some of the methodological challenges encountered during the early stages of the 'Both sides of the fence' study, which uses action research to develop a transferable model of integrated palliative care for prisoners. [Link](#)

Assisted dying requests from people in detention: Psychiatric, ethical, and legal considerations- A Literature review

Franke et al (2022)

In this review different practices for dealing with requests for assisted dying from people in prison and forensic psychiatric facilities are compared along with ethical and psychiatric issues in these settings. [Link](#)

A systematic literature review exploring the psychosocial aspects of palliative care provision for incarcerated persons: a human rights perspective

Johns et al (2021)

This study explores the psychosocial aspects of palliative care provision for people in prison drawing on a human rights perspective. [Link](#)



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NEXT MEETINGS

Correctional/ Justice Health
Services Working Group

Wednesday 22 May 2024

14:00-15:00 AEST



Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Community
Engagement Strategy
Working Group

Tuesday 7 May 2024

14:00-15:00 AEST



National Consortia Project
Advisory Group

Tuesday 4 June 2024

13:30-15:00 AEST



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