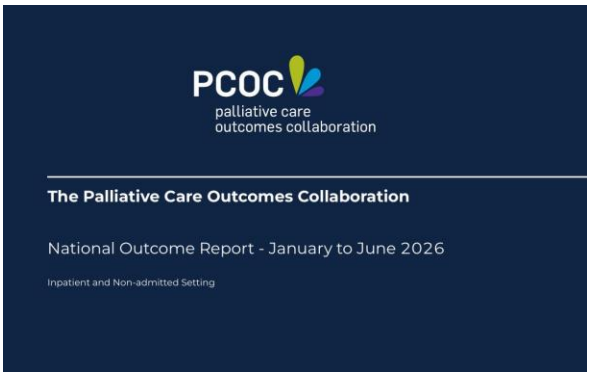
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November 2026 Newsletter

PCOC Milestone: Capturing Outcomes for 246 Palliative Care Services

In the January-June 2026 reporting period, PCOC reached a **landmark milestone** reflecting our **largest number of participating services** to date, at **246!**



The outcomes of those participating services can be explored in the newly released **PCOC National and State Outcome Reports (Jan-Jun 2026),** encompassing insights from:

- **42,545 patients**
- **52,790 episodes of care**
- **108,712 palliative care phases**

To view the National and State reports, head to the PCOC reports webpage

Share Your Experience with PROMs

Your experience matters. A PCOC survey is now open exploring the use of **patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs)** with patients who prefer to communicate in **languages other than English.** This survey is open only to clinicians from **PCOC participating services,** so if this is you, please take a few minutes to share your experiences via the survey link below and contribute to **improving equitable access to quality palliative care.**

PCOC PROMs survey

#PCNSW2026: 'Shaping the Future Together'

In October, PCOC had the pleasure of attending the **Palliative Care NSW 2026 State Conference,** delivering key insights on the ways in which PCOC data shines a light on the **national palliative care Landscape.**





PCOC Director, **Sabina Clapham** was joined by **Dr. Meera Agar, Prof. Deborah Parker** and **CNC Charlotte Brown** on an expert panel discussing how **public health approaches** can help improve experiences surrounding **dying, death and bereavement.**

Strengthening connection across the sector emerged as a key theme during the panel, with Sabina drawing on PCOC data to illustrate how **palliative care in Australia has evolved over time,** including:

- **Hospitals remaining as the Largest referral source,** making up **66%** of referrals, with **GP's and community services** combined making up **15%**
- Over the past decade, time spent in palliative care has on average **declined from 11 days to 8 days**

For a deeper dive into these findings, head to the PCOC National Overview of Patient Outcomes in Australia (2025) report



System innovations and **advancing access** were fundamental concepts dispersed throughout the conference, with **PCOC Improvement Facilitator, Tish Kable's** presentation strongly reflecting these priorities.

Exploring how Version 4 of PCOC (V4) has been designed to address **key challenges in equity,** Tish introduced the **delirium monitoring system;** a new PCOC assessment prompting clinicians to **consistently assess for delirium,** a condition that is estimated to be experienced by **over 40% of people receiving palliative care.**

Explore PCOC's Delirium FAQs here

Now Hiring: PCOC Improvement Facilitator

PCOC is looking for an **Improvement Facilitator** to join the team and support palliative care services turn data into action. This exciting role combines **quality improvement, stakeholder engagement** and **education delivery** to help **strengthen palliative care outcomes nationwide.** Apply now to be part of a team making a lasting impact across the sector!

Apply now! Applications close 11 Nov

HDR Scholarship Opportunity

Funded through UOW and the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, PCOC is pleased to announce a **National Palliative Care Outcomes Innovation Scholarship:** a unique opportunity to partner with PCOC and contribute to research that **advances palliative care outcomes across Australia.**

Explore the eligibility criteria here

Submit your Expression of Interest (EOI) here

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Celebrating 20 years in improving palliative care outcomes

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