



Celebrating 20 years in improving palliative care outcomes

National Palliative Care Week PCOC Update

In celebration of National Palliative Care Week, we're proud to announce the release of two key publications.

PCOC Version 4 Data Dictionary

A milestone in our shared commitment to improving outcomes in palliative care, the new V4 dataset architecture introduces significant **enhancements in flexibility, efficiency, and data accuracy**. V4 marks an exciting step in palliative care that is sector-driven and co-designed. This latest version is strongly grounded in the following principles and rationales:

- minimise the burden of data collection
- improve data relevance at point of care
- maximise use of data for multiple purposes (quality improvement & research)
- integrate new clinical and holistic insights, such as carer involvement, delirium, and non-physical symptoms

We also invite you to explore [how the V4 dataset was developed](#) and [FAQ on its upcoming rollout](#).

[View Version 4 Data Dictionary](#)

“A National Quality Initiative to Improve Palliative Care Outcomes: Identifying Enabling Factors that Drive Quality Improvement”

A new research publication led by our Director, Sabina Clapham, presenting a structured **framework of five key strategies and 25 enabling factors to support the integration of outcome measures as a tool for improving care quality**.

The findings reinforce that improving patient outcomes requires more than just data collection and benchmarking—it requires integrated assessment

models, education, and resources to support information-driven quality improvement.

[Read the full article](#)

