PCOC

palliative care
outcomes collaboration

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Funding Secured! 🎉

We are thrilled to share that PCOC has successfully **secured four years of funding from the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing** through the **Palliative Care Grants Program.**

Transforming Palliative Care

Building on more than **20 years of PCOC's foundational leadership** in palliative care, the program is **expanding efforts** to encompass **earlier identification of palliative care needs,** and continuing to **strengthen outcome measurement.**

This enhanced national initiative, **PCOC+**, will bring together **consumers, GPs, specialist palliative care clinicians, Primary Health Networks (PHNs), researchers, policymakers,** and **digital health experts** to advance **patient-centered outcomes** and address the **data gap for systems-wide impact.**

*'Australians are living longer with increasingly **complex health needs**. This investment allows us to work with **clinicians, health services, and consumers nationally to strengthen** the foundations needed to **deliver better palliative care outcomes across the health system**.' - Sabina Clapham, PCOC Director.*

Expanding PCOC

PCOC has spent many years building a **national quality improvement program** that supports **palliative care services across Australia**. This Commonwealth investment allows PCOC to extend into **primary care**, recognising that most Australians' **palliative care journey begins long before specialist services become involved.**

This initiative is part of a national collaboration led by the **University of Wollongong** with **Queensland University of Technology**, **Flinders University**, and the **University of Western Australia,** in partnership with **palliative care services, PHNs, General Practices,** and a **Consumer Advisory Panel.**

Looking Ahead

With a focus on **earlier identification** and **better coordination of care,** PCOC will continue to **support meaningful outcomes for patients, families, carers** and **healthcare professionals.** The program will continue to deliver an **evidence-based, person-centred** approach to palliative care, underpinned by a **national, equitable** model of **service support**.

At its heart, PCOC is about enabling **culturally safe and equitable** palliative care, ensuring people receive the **right care, at the right time, and in the right place.**