



Quality of Care Collaborative Australia For Paediatric Palliative Care (QuoCCA)

Paediatric Palliative Care aims to enhance the quality of life of children and young persons with life limiting conditions. It also aims to support the child's entire family. A life limiting condition is defined as one where a child will not live to the age of 18. Supports that can be provided to families include pain and symptom management, practical support (e.g. equipment needs), care co-ordination, emotional and spiritual support and after hours telephone support.

In 2014, Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service (CHQ HHS) was a recipient of funding from the Commonwealth Department of Health through the National Palliative Care Projects (2014). CHQ HHS, through the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital, would be the lead site of a collaboration of children's hospitals from around Australia:

- John Hunter Children's Hospital, Newcastle, New South Wales
- Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick, New South Wales
- Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Victoria
- Women's and Children's Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia
- Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, Western Australia

The project aims to:

- Improve the quality of palliative care provided to children in close proximity to their home through research and educational initiatives and associated evaluation in each state and territory of Australia.

This will be achieved by:

- Developing networks of multi-disciplinary healthcare professionals capable of supporting children with life limiting conditions, and their families, through "pop-up" education.
- Developing capacity of health services to provide paediatric palliative care outside of metropolitan areas through scheduled multi-disciplinary education sessions and ongoing online access to educational modules
- Training of paediatric and palliative care medical trainees at 3 new sites in Australia

Project Outcomes Include:

- 36 "scheduled" and 42 "pop-up" education sessions throughout Australia to be performed by June 30, 2017
- Evaluation of education looking at improved knowledge and skill relating to paediatric palliative care

If you would like to find out more about the project, or would like a "scheduled" or "pop-up" paediatric palliative care education session to come to your centre, please contact:

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