Sector Capability Development

Poi is an initiative by the Hospices of Auckland to help general practice and residential care deliver the best possible quality of life for patients and their family/whānau during a person’s final 6—9 months.

General practice and residential care joining Poi will build skills and confidence in palliative care. Poi enables:

- Consistent earlier identification of people with palliative needs
- Payments for the development of a simple palliative care plan (PPA) with patient and whānau
- Free advice from the Poi Clinical team
- Improved linkage to community support for patients and whānau
- Opportunities to access coaching and support packages to build palliative care skills

Projects to develop greater capacity of the sector include training General Practitioners with a Special Interest in Palliative Care, training of psychosocial interns, and establishing a cultural resource directory. The link nurse programme will also develop capacity (see separate information sheet).

Capacity development activities of Poi

GPs with a special interest in palliative care

Training GPs with a special interest in palliative care (GPSIs) will develop ‘champions’ for palliative care in the primary care workforce who have expertise in both primary care and palliative care.

GPSI training will be provided by a hospice accredited as an advanced training site by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) for local FRNZCGP qualified GP or GPEP trainee with a demonstrated passion for palliative care. It will involve the training required to attain the RACP Clinical Diploma in Palliative Medicine and ongoing support.

Psychosocial internships

Psychosocial internships will support the development of a regional workforce with core competencies aimed towards psycho-social-spiritual-cultural palliative care service delivery.

A psychosocial internship will be provided by a suitably qualified hospice for graduates of professions defined within the practice of psycho-social-spiritual-cultural service delivery. It will involve six months of education training and shadowing in all aspects of Hospice service delivery in palliative care.

Cultural Resource Directory

- To provide a contemporary repository for evidence based information resources that provide a culturally appropriate toolkit for the discussion of palliative care, death and dying with multiple diverse groups
- It is anticipated that the resources will provide culturally appropriate information for Maori, Pasifika, refugee groups, CALD groups and LGBTQI.
- These resources would be available on the Poi website and would be managed and updated by a qualified and competent co-ordinator. This directory would be endorsed by the Poi Alliance.

For more information on Poi:

- Visit the Poi webpage on the POAC infrastructure at poiproject.co.nz
- Contact your local hospice MDT
  - Totara: Poiadmin@hospice.co.nz
  - Franklin: Poiadmin@franklinhospice.org.nz
  - Mercy: Poiadmin@mercyhospice.org.nz
  - Hospice West: Poiadmin@hwa.org.nz
  - Harbour Hospice (Hibiscus, Warkworth & Wellsford): Poiadmin@harbourhospice.org.nz