



Government of **Western Australia**  
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# Palliative Care in WA

## Connecting the Dots: Shaping the Path to the Future

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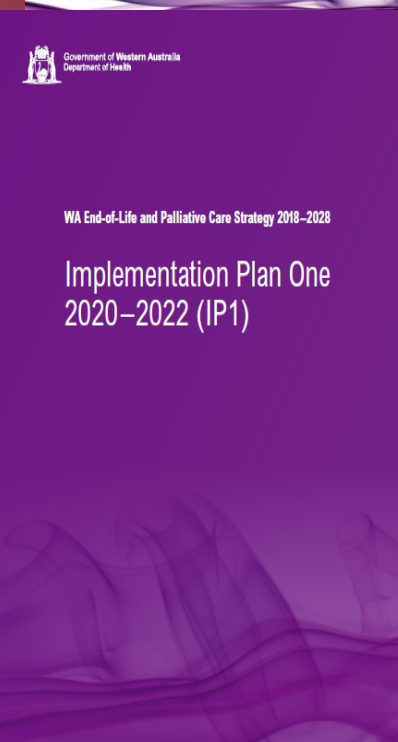
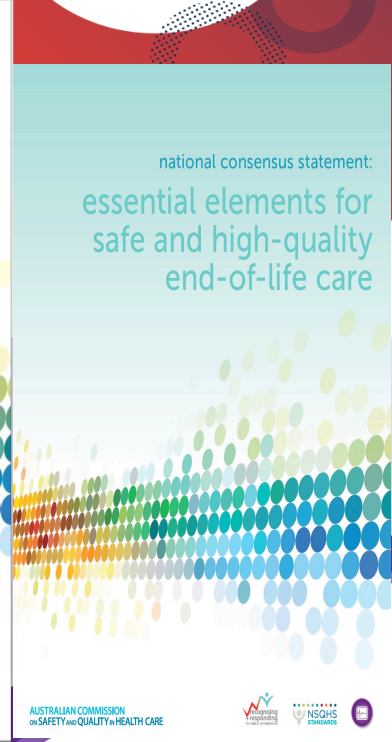
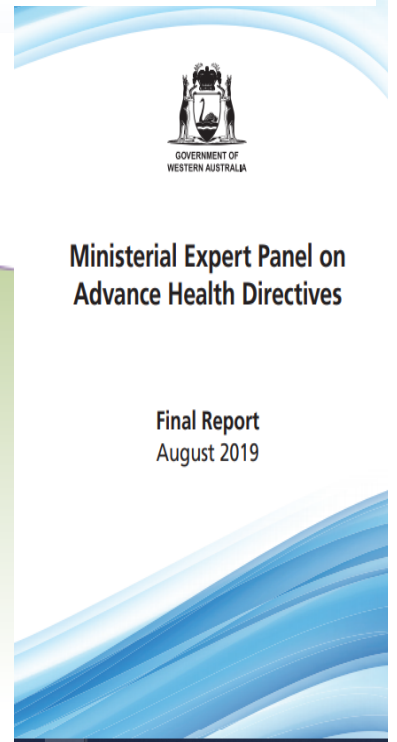
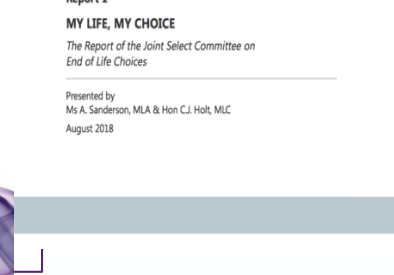
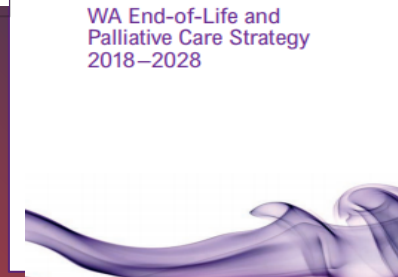
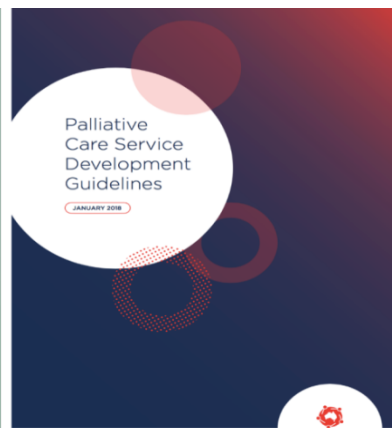
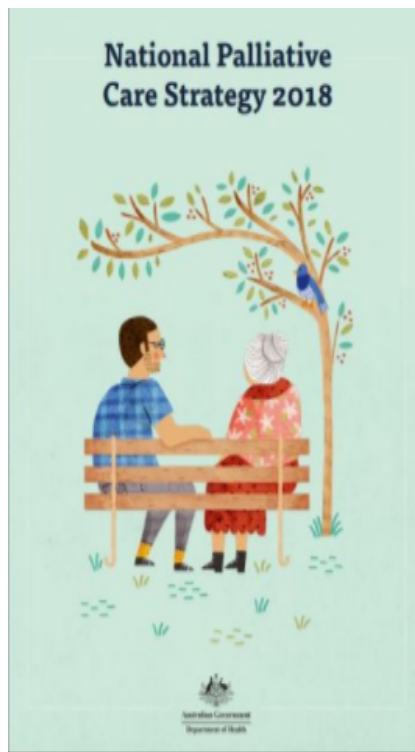
# Our Shared Path

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and you matter to the end of your  
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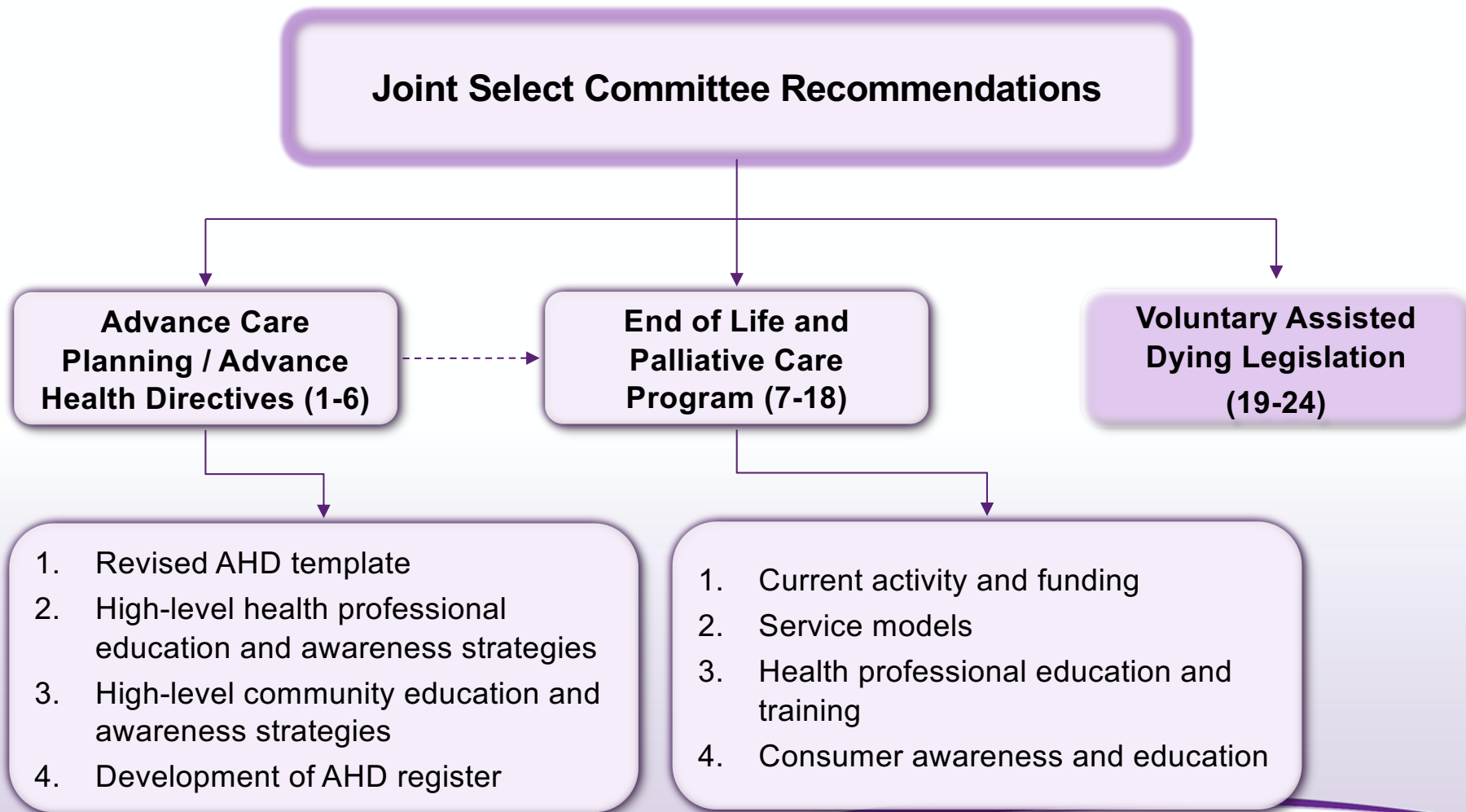
*Dame Cicely Saunders*



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# Response to the JSC Recommendations



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# WA Government Funding

Total funding commitment of \$224M, *including* funding for:

The National Partnership Agreement (NPA) for Comprehensive Palliative Care in Aged Care

First Perth Children's Hospice  
(in partnership with Perth Children's Hospital Foundation and CAHS)

Increased community-based services for care closer to home (metro and regional)

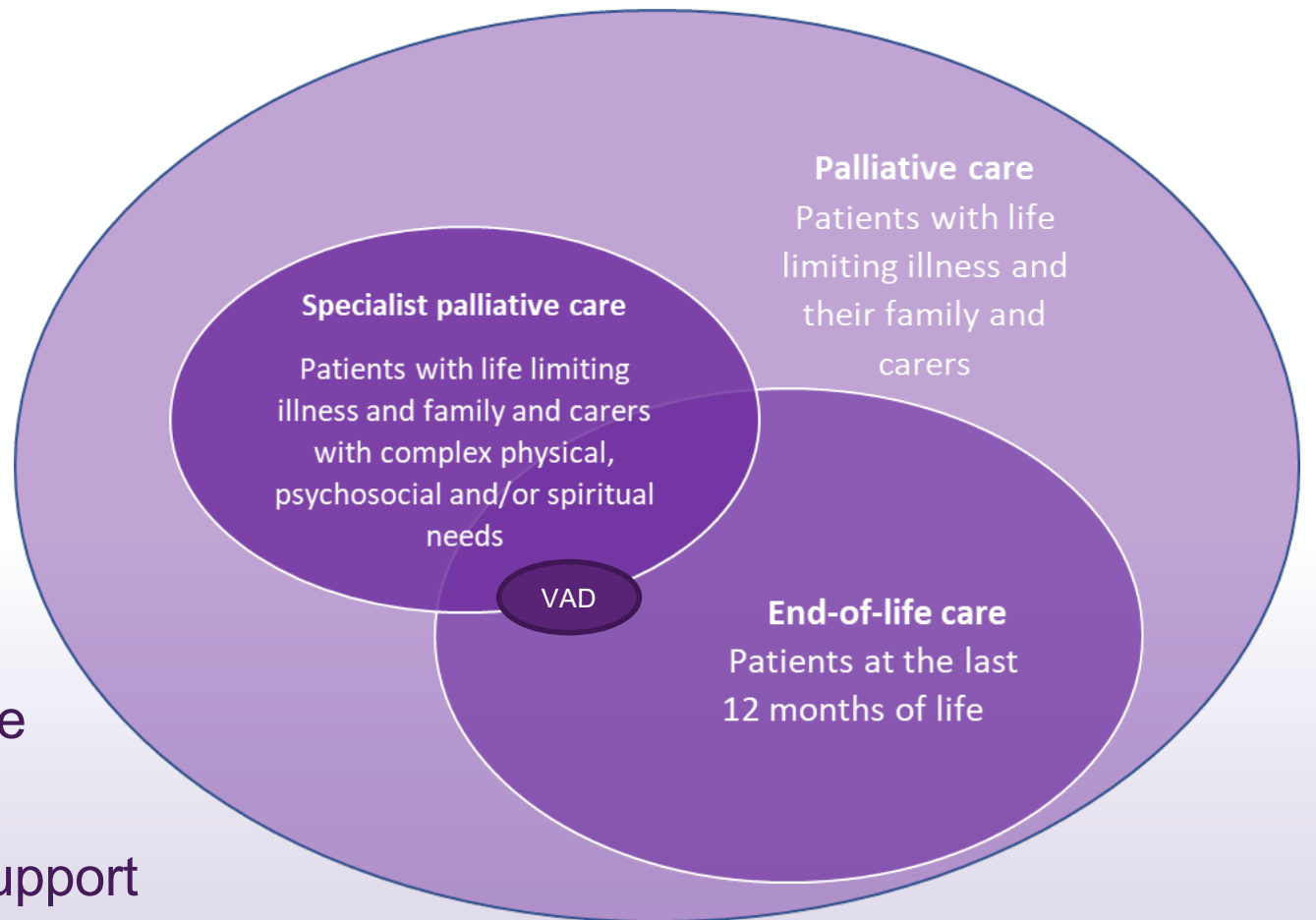
Kalamunda Hospital Palliative Care Area Redevelopment

Improving access to/governance of regional services

Carnarvon Palliative Care Facility

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# Service Models Meeting Community Needs



1. Access to care
2. Person centred care
3. Connected care
4. Family and carer support
5. Workforce capacity
6. Public awareness

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# Now and Next: Service Models

- 10 inpatient specialist palliative care hospice beds in Perth's northern suburbs
- A well-functioning workforce model implemented in regional WA
- NPA for Comprehensive Palliative Care in Aged Care underway
- Draft *End of Life and Palliative Care Aboriginal Framework*
- Draft *End of Life and Palliative Care Dementia Framework* commenced
- Draft Clinical Guidelines for Palliative Care Sedation
- Draft Paediatric Addendum to the WA End of Life and Palliative Care Strategy 2018-2028

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# Now and Next: **Activity and Funding**

## **Current State Analysis**

Reported service activity, data capture, unmet need, funding allocation and workforce



## **Outcomes**

- An investigation of e-PalCIS generating a better understanding of its current use, barriers and support requirements
- IT support arrangements and information session
- Admissions Policy Factsheet
- Collaboration with the national PC EOL Data Development Working Group



## **Next Steps**

- External e-PalCIS accessibility
- External audit of activity and funding

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# Now and Next: Health Professional Education and Training

## Education and Training Framework

- Reference tool to identify and build the knowledge and skills required by all staff providing End of Life and Palliative Care across all settings
- eDocument which includes navigation functions and direct links to education and training resources linking to the Resource Hub

### Case scenarios



## Resource Hub

- Increase awareness of, and access to currently available education and training resources, including from palliative care specialists
- Facilitates access to a range of providers in various formats
- Education and training resources categorised by type required, topic and level of expertise
- Built in feedback function for users

### Next Step

A targeted 3-month pilot in 2021

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# Now and Next - Community Awareness

- Non-clinical Community Hotline to be run by Palliative Care WA - available to palliative care consumers, their carers, families, friends and the broader WA community
- End of Life Care content on Department of Health website revised
- PCWA 5-year service agreement to increase understanding and improve uptake of advance care planning, palliative care and grief and loss
- Distribution of the Palliative Caring booklet statewide, via PCWA
- Consumer Awareness Campaign postponed due to COVID-19 – will be revisited in 2021

# Now and Next - Advance Care Planning

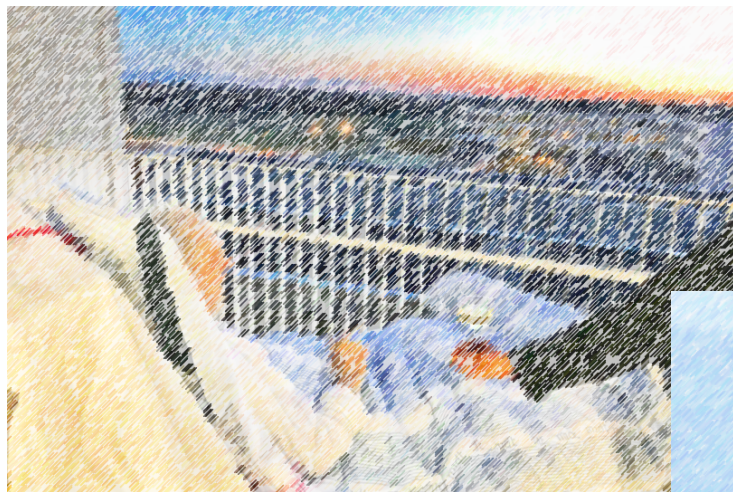
- 2019 Ministerial Expert Panel (MEP) on AHDs – 23 recommendations
- Implementing 22 recommendations: Establishing an AHD register; revising the AHD template; provision of training and education to increase community and health professional understanding and awareness of ACP and AHDs.
- Revised AHD template
- High-level health professional education and awareness strategies
- High-level community education and awareness strategies
- Development of AHD register

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# Joining the Dots







ABC News Blog, "Denmark hospital grants dying man final wish cigarette wine", 11/04/2017



Patrick Williams and Isobel Roe, "Palliative patient's last wish to see the beach granted by paramedic crew", ABC News online, 23/11/2017 at 2:07pm

*In partnership, much has been achieved - we look forward to continuing our commitment to improving end of life and palliative care for all Western Australians.*

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