



Media Release

Mobile Palliative Care Team up and Running at Bethesda

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A dedicated Palliative Care Consultancy to be based at Bethesda Hospital in Claremont was launched today by Premier Colin Barnett.

Named the Palliative Ambulatory Service (North), this exciting community-based program will be conducted from Bethesda Hospital and funded by the Department of Health WA, servicing the north metropolitan area of Perth. The team consists of medical and nursing specialists, allied health and administration support.

Hospital Chief Executive, Ms Yasmin Naglazas said that 'the new service will enable us to address many of the known 'gaps in care' which currently exist in residential aged care facilities, mental health facilities, correctional facilities and other hospitals without a dedicated palliative care unit or access to specialist advice and care'.

'Bethesda Hospital is proud to be the first health provider to offer this much needed consultancy service to the community and we look forward to complimenting, not duplicating, the invaluable care of other service providers such as the Silver Chain'.

Bethesda Hospital has an outstanding reputation in the provision of palliative care, through their 20 bed in-patient Palliative Care unit. The new service will increase the hospital's scope to provide more care, particularly to those who do not require in-patient accommodation but however need end of life care for cancer and life-limiting illnesses.

Referrals to the new service can be made by the patient's medical practitioner or registered nurse.

Bethesda is an independent 88-bed hospital in Claremont which has been providing outstanding care and service to the Western Australian community for over 60 years.

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