



MOBILE PALLIATIVE SERVICE ASSISTS MND PATIENTS

Bethesda Health Care's Metropolitan Palliative Care Consultancy Service (MPaCCS) collaborates with a number of external service care providers in the provision of palliative care, including the Motor Neurone Disease Association of WA (MNDWA).

This collaboration has led to the successful care of a number of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) patients undergoing palliative care treatment at nursing homes and outpatient clinics. There is also an increased level of sharing of information and support between the two health care providers.

Jan Stiberc, Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC) at MPaCCS says that her main role is to assist symptom management of MND patients and to help with advanced care planning. 'We liaise with the MND Advisors on a regular basis regarding palliative care education'.

'Our team is made up of a number of specialities that all collaborate to keep the MND patient, their families and treating neurologist informed of progress and care pathways', Jan said.

Jan has worked as CNC in palliative care for 18 years, and her team has serviced the south of Perth's palliative care needs for the past three years. Nine months ago, Jan's team amalgamated with Bethesda Health Care's Palliative Ambulatory Service North (PASN) to form MPaCCS.

Executive Officer of MNDWA Maeve Egan said that 'our MND Advisors and educators in the community are thoroughly benefitting from this collaboration with MPaCCS, and this close working relationship allows MND patients and their families to receive the best provision of palliative care'.

MPaCCS is pilot service that integrates the north and south metropolitan specialist palliative care area health teams provided by Bethesda Health Care in conjunction with the Department of Health, and the WA Cancer and Palliative Care Network.

The primary aim of the service is to support, and build capacity in the residential care sector, ensuring those in need of palliative care for cancers and life-limiting illnesses receive the best and most appropriate care, avoiding the need to transfer to hospital.



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The mobile multidisciplinary specialist palliative care team is a nurse-led model and is based in South Perth, consisting of ten staff including nurses, social workers, palliative care physicians and administration support. A palliative care physician based at Bethesda Health Care's in-patient Palliative Care Unit provides additional telephone support to the team.

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