

Palliative Care monthly update

September 2017



Formal recognition of a year well spent

In August, the South Island Palliative Care Workstream (PCW) received a letter of acknowledgement from SPaIT, the South Island Alliance's Strategic Planning and Integration Team. In the letter, SPaIT acknowledged the significant achievements of the PCW over the past 12 months and commended our whole of system approach to palliative care.

Our members provide their time and expertise in addition to their day jobs. This can be a juggle and we would like to sincerely thank them all for their continued contribution and commitment.

Our coming of age and search for new members

In August this year, the PCW reached the ripe old age of three. According to our terms of membership, three years is the time after which we review our membership; therefore, recruitment has begun for new positions including a GP and consumer.

Please share this information with your networks. If you are interested or have any queries, contact PCW Facilitator Jane Haughey (contact details below).

Building palliative care confidence among first responders



Dr Kate Grundy being interviewed for St John podcast

Work has finished on a palliative care podcast for St John staff. The podcast is a 40 minute video of an interview between Dr Kate Grundy, PCW Chair, and Craig Ellis, Deputy Medical Director, St John.

Kate and Craig discuss a range of topics related to palliative care including: perceptions, challenges, pain management, symptoms, end-of-life, medications, working with families and whānau, pathways and where to get support.

The podcast aims to build confidence among St John staff when caring for people already receiving palliative care or at the end of life.

New manager for Southern Cancer Network

Following Di Riley's return home to the UK, Southern Cancer Network (SCN) has a new manager – Nicholas Glubb. Most recently, Nicholas was Operations Director, Specialist Community & Regional Services at MidCentral DHB, which included management responsibility for the Regional Cancer Treatment Service. Now based in Christchurch, Nicholas recognises the crucial relationship between cancer care and palliative care services. He looks forward to working with the PCW to ensure high quality palliative care is available to everyone.



Southern Cancer Network Manager Nicholas Glubb

For more information, contact PCW facilitator, Jane Haughey, on 027 512 6122 or jane.haughey@siapo.health.nz

Our vision: high quality, person centred, palliative and end of life care available to the population of the South Island according to need and irrespective of location.

