

SESLHD Intellectual Disability Palliative Care Service



The South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD) Intellectual Disability Palliative Care (IDPC) Service is supported by the SESLHD Intellectual Disability Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Consultant.

Referral Process

All referrals will be accepted via the local Community Palliative and Supportive Care Service (The Sutherland Hospital, St George Hospital, Prince of Wales Hospital). A GP referral is needed for Medicare billing purposes.

Please email the client/patient's details to -seslhd-intellectual-disability-palliativecare@health.nsw.gov.au and a referral form will be sent to you.

Care provided

- This service is a consultative service and is available to all clients/patients who meet eligibility criteria.
- Support is offered to the person with intellectual disability who is receiving palliative care. The person will be supported both as an inpatient and when discharged home.
- Home visits and clinic reviews are offered, and a comprehensive community palliative care plan is written and staff in disability accommodation are supported with the implementation of the care plan.
- This service also aims to build capacity of health staff in disability supports and services and disability staff in palliative care management.
- This service can be used to compliment services that a client/patient is currently accessing.

Eligibility

Patients with intellectual disability.

- Residing within the SESLHD catchment area.
- Must be linked to a SESLHD Palliative Care Community Supportive Care Service.
- Has unmet palliative care needs.
- Prognosis under 24 months with an irreversible life limiting illness.
- Requires assistance with discharge planning to specialist disability accommodation.
- Has had 2 or more admissions to hospital or presentations to an emergency department in the last 12 months.
- Requires home visits relating to palliative care needs but not eligible for Specialist Community Palliative Care Support Services.

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