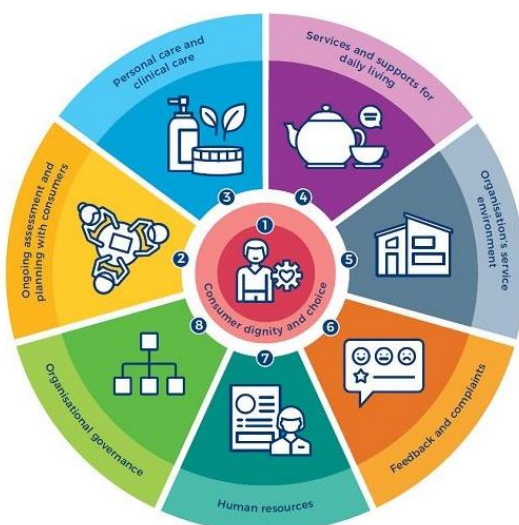


Expression of Interest

Specialist Palliative Care in Aged Care (SPACE) Project

Would your facility like to participate in a supported program that will improve access to specialist palliative care for people living in Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACF) as well as increase the capacity and capability of your staff?

If so, Gold Coast Health invites you to submit an expression of interest (EOI) to participate in the SPACE Project.



This quality improvement project will assist your facility meet the requirements for the Aged Care Quality Standards

- **Standard 1** – Consumer dignity and choice
- **Standard 2** - Ongoing assessment and planning with consumers
- **Standard 3** – Personal care and clinical care
- **Standard 4** – Services and support for daily living
- **Standard 7** – Human Resources
- **Standard 8** – Organisational governance

The SPACE Project aims to foster relationships between aged care, general practice and the Supportive and Specialist Palliative Care Service.

The SPACE Project is funded by Commonwealth and State funding under the Comprehensive Palliative Care in Aged Care Measure with additional funding from the Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN).

RACF's participating in the SPACE Project will participate in monthly 'Palliative Care Needs Rounds'.

Palliative Care Needs Rounds are triage meetings and will help identify and prioritise RACF residents at risk of needing palliative care interventions and symptom management.

Palliative Care Needs Rounds will:

- be held monthly in your facility or via telehealth if required
- be attended by a Specialist Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Consultant and/or doctor
- encourage a multidisciplinary approach with GPs, RACF nursing staff and Allied Health staff being invited to attend.

Palliative Care Needs Rounds have been shown to successfully:

- facilitate residents wishes regarding their preferred place of death
- improve RACF staff confidence, skills, knowledge and experience
- improve communication with residents and their family

The EOI is **open now** to all RACFs within the Gold Coast Primary Health Network region. This is an exciting opportunity however places are limited.

Expressions of Interest should be forwarded to:

Email: GCHHS_Space@health.qld.gov.au

Closing Date for the EOI is COB, Friday 19 March 2021

Enquiries should be directed to:

Tracey Norling phone: 0476 824 877 or email: GCHHS_Space@health.qld.gov.au

Expression of Interest Application Form – Specialist Palliative Care in Aged Care (SPACE) Project

Name of RACF:

Address:

Contact person:

Number of beds:

Number of residents:

Does your facility have an onsite 24-hour registered nurse? YES NO

Outline below why you believe your organisation would benefit from participating in the SPACE Project including perceived areas of improvement for your facility:

Facility manager's name:

Signature:

Date: