

## Advance Care Planning training for general practice and community health services

Expressions of Interest sought from GPs, nurses and allied health workers.

### Changes to Medical decision-making laws

From 12 March 2018, changes to medical decision-making laws will take effect when the Medical Treatment Planning and Decisions Act 2016 (the Act) starts. Changes include:

- In the event of a patient not having decision making capacity, Medical practitioners will be obliged to make reasonable efforts to locate an Advance Care Directive (ACD) & the patients' Medical Treatment Decision Maker (MTDM)
- Patients will be able to refuse treatment for conditions they do not currently have.

### What is involved?

North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (NWMPHN) is funding 1-hour outreach sessions to upskill and support general practice and community health services to understand changes to the Medical Treatment Planning and Decisions Act. Delivered by Advance Care Planning (ACP) managers/hospital coordinators, the sessions will help to increase primary care provider knowledge, understanding and confidence when discussing Advance Care Planning and medical decision-making.

### Who can apply?

General practices and community health services who frequently refer to Northern Health, Royal Melbourne Hospital and St Vincent's.

### Requirements of training recipients

A minimum number of five clinical staff must be available to attend the training. Recipients can partner with neighbouring practices/services to ensure adequate attendance and value for money.

### Expected learning outcomes

- Understand what ACP is and how to implement in practice using the MBS guide
- Be able to describe the changes to the Medical Treatment and Decisions Act 2016 which starts on 12 March 2018
- Practice skills required to conduct an ACP discussion

### How to apply

To apply or for further information contact

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