Lately – end of life services and advice

Newsletter article

End-of-life website launched

North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network has launched a website that provides information, options and education about end-of-life.

Called Lately, it is designed to ease communication and planning for people who have received a terminal diagnosis, and for those who love and care for them. Visit [lately.org.au](https://www.lately.org.au/)

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Alternative articles

**(250 words)**

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Short text – with calls to action

**To all audiences**  
  
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**Include your service in the Lately directory**

Does your service support people in palliative care in the community? Do you provide care and support for the friends and family of people approaching the end of life? Do you provide funeral, mortuary or grief counselling services? Do you cater for people living in the northern, western or central Melbourne region? Add your service to our directory by sending a request email to [end\_of\_life\_program@nwmphn.org.au](mailto:end_of_life_program@nwmphn.org.au) – this is a free listing.