

INFORMATION SHEET

Palliative Care Clinical Network

NEW State-wide Palliative Care Referral Form

The Palliative Care Clinical Network Steering Committee has endorsed a state-wide referral form for referrers to access **adult** and **paediatric** specialist palliative care services within metropolitan and country South Australia.

Key information for referrers

- > The two page referral form outlines the eligibility criteria, reasons for referral and service contacts across metropolitan and country South Australia.
- > Incomplete referral forms or absence of essential additional information will delay the service response and may mean the referral is not accepted until all required information is received.
- > If there is other relevant patient information that is not specified on the form, but would assist in care provision, please include with the form.
- > If the matter is **urgent**, you are encouraged to phone your local palliative care service.
- > If the referral does not meet the criteria, but you feel the patient would benefit from palliative care, please contact your local palliative care service and discuss with a member of the team.
- > Referring health professionals still have the option of completing a referral letter detailing the same information outlined on the form.
- > It is anticipated that the State-wide Palliative Care Clinical Network will undergo an initial review of the form six months following implementation.

If you have any queries, please contact your local specialist palliative care service on the details outlined on page two of the referral form.

For more information

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