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PCNSW WELCOMES $743 MILLLION TO ENHANCE END-OF-LIFE-CARE IN NSW

Palliative Care NSW welcomes the $743 million funding boost to Palliative Care in NSW by the State Government over the next five years.

Premier Dominic Perrottet said the 2022-23 funding boost is on top of the $300 million the NSW Government invests each year in palliative care.

The package includes $650 million over five years to:

- employ an extra 600 nurses, allied health professionals, doctors, and support staff
- boost hospital capacity and implement best-practice models for supportive and palliative care
- improve access to pain management services for patients with life-limiting illness, to help patients and their family and carers
- improve services for people with late stage chronic and degenerative conditions, and cancer
- further strengthen outpatient and community health services
- support consumer choice and excellence in end-of-life and palliative care
- strengthen virtual care, transport and equipment programs
- improve partnership with non-Government organisations, primary care and aged care services.

A further $93 million will be used for capital investment to redevelop and refurbish NSW Health facilities, including newly dedicated palliative care units at Westmead Hospital and Nepean Hospital.

PCNSW CEO Linda Hansen said, “this funding will provide certainty to services and organisations when developing programs to enable people to live well with a life limiting illness and support people and their families at end-of-life.”

“Access to high quality palliative care is a priority in NSW and PCNSW welcomes the renewed focus on regional and rural areas in delivering appropriate care.”

“Providing more resources, support and training for nurses, allied health professionals, doctors and palliative care support staff across NSW will improve palliative and end-of-life care experiences for patients and their families now and into the future. This funding is recognition of the dedication and commitment of those working in the Palliative Care sector to provide the best outcomes for NSW residents.”

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