

Palliative care decision making groups

Peak body – Palliative Care Victoria Inc

Function in implementing *Strengthening palliative care: Policy and strategic directions 2011–2015 (policy)*

Provide advocacy and leadership for the Victorian palliative care sector in relation to the policy

Role

Palliative Care Victoria Inc (PCV) is the peak body for palliative care in Victoria. PCV represents palliative care providers, consumers and their families and those with an interest in palliative care.

Responsibilities

- Provide advice to the Department of Health on significant issues affecting the palliative care sector
- Improve community awareness of palliative care
- Provide information to palliative care services, the public and other key stakeholders
- Provide the focal point for all palliative care services and those with an interest in palliative care in Victoria
- Maintain existing strategic partnerships and develop other strategic links
- Provide leadership and management in relation to specific strategies and projects to promote access to optimal palliative care

Structure

As per existing governance arrangements

Communication / relationship with other groups

- Receive and disseminate the departmental update and other information requested by the department as appropriate
- Attend and contribute to statewide palliative care meetings
- Attend bi-monthly meetings of palliative care consortia managers
- Participate as a member of the Palliative Care Clinical Network
- Provide input into national policy development and advocacy via membership of Palliative Care Australia