



Meeting Minutes

Contracting and Funding Working Group

Location:	Microsoft TEAMS		
Date:	25 June 2025	Time:	2pm – 3.30pm
Co-Chairs:	Audrey Williams, Tony Gray	Minutes by:	Caitlin Leslie
Tuakana:	Emma Hedgecock, Georgina Johnson, Mike Loten	Ex-Officio:	Jo Hathaway, Stephanie Read, Tim Wood
Attendees:	Audrey Williams, Angie Holmes, Bryce Sheedy, Christina Ross, Devon Diggle, Emma Maddren, Francie Dibley-Mason, Iain Diamond, Jane Wilson, Miriam Lindsay, Richard Lowe, Tony Gray, Tony Paine, Wendy Rowe, Stephanie Read, Tim Wood, Caitlin Leslie, Emma Hedgecock, Mike Loten		
Guests:	Amy Henry, Hinetewai, Jesse Davis, Louisa Ingham, Tom Love		
Apologies:	Jo Hathaway, Georgina Johnson		

Item no:	Details	Attachments
1. Karakia & Welcome	Audrey opened the meeting with a karakia . Angie Holmes was welcomed to the WG for her first meeting. The guests were also welcomed to the meeting.	
2. Administration	Apologies were noted and accepted as above. Minutes from the last meeting 25/05/2025 were accepted as a true and accurate record. Actions from the previous meeting were noted as on the agenda or completed.	

<p>3. Adult MOC & Equity WG – Co-chairs</p>	<p>The co-chairs from the Equity and Adult Model of Care Working Groups, were invited to respond to questions from WG members. A list of queries and questions had previously been collated and shared before the meeting.</p> <p>The co-chairs of the Equity WG (Amy Henry and Jesse Davis) provided an overview of the Equity in Palliative Care Framework, noting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The framework highlights the wide range of communities currently underserved by the palliative care system. • The pōwhiri model reframes health practitioners and policymakers as visitors, supporting communities with their expertise in spaces that belong to whānau. • Qualitative research and lived experiences from communities offer valuable insights into how people access palliative care. • The Equity WG's aim is to ensure whānau have appropriate access to quality palliative care, as defined by the communities themselves. <p>The co-chairs of the Adult MOC WG (Louisa Ingham and Hinetewai) discussed the Adult Palliative Model of Care document and responded to the questions from the WG noting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All providers with palliative care contracts are expected to deliver the full set of core components, ensuring a consistent baseline of care nationwide. • Minimum standards must be accessible to all, while recognising and respecting local community nuances. Partnership with iwi and communities is essential. • For many palliative care providers around the country, the framework does not reflect what is already being done. • Access remains a challenge for many Māori communities. • The inclusion of "funding follows the patient" aims to reduce financial barriers to care. • Most models are now community-based, reflecting the preference for people to die at home rather than in institutions. • The needs of Māori and other ethnic communities extend beyond the end-of-life stage, requiring broader support. • While services are ready to extend care to Māori, there are challenges in ensuring communities are in a place to receive it. 	
<p>4. Hospice Papers</p>	<p>Devon provided some background to the Hospice Sector work on funding approaches and models. Questions relating to the Hospice Sector papers were collated and shared before the meeting.</p> <p>An overview of the work Hospice sector has undertaken on funding models was presented, noting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to enable the model of care that has been developed by the Adult MoC WG. There is good alignment between this work and the work prepared by the Hospice Sector. • There is significant variation in the services delivered by Hospices across the country. • Meaningful system change can be achieved through incremental steps that build on existing strengths. 	 <p>There is a better way - overview.pdf</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strong need for greater connectivity within the palliative care system was identified. • A key priority is translating the Adult Model of Care and Equity work into tangible resources and services that are appropriate and accessible to all. • Differences in small and rural Hospices present unique challenges that cannot be captured by an average pricing model. 	
5. Funding Approaches	<p>Tom Love, Strategic Advisor, Insights, Evidence and Performance Health New Zealand was invited to provide some insights on funding approaches.</p> <p>The following was noted from his presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding mechanisms are a means to an end, not an end in themselves. • Funding models need to reflect decisions such as who can direct local resources and provide flexibility at each level of the system. • Determining need involves both whānau and community input, alongside health system expertise. • Providers begin from different starting points, requiring tailored pathways and funding mechanisms. • Understanding both cost and financing across diverse services is essential for effective planning. • Multiple funding mechanisms are feasible and can be combined to suit different contexts. • Due to limited visibility of data in palliative care, case-based funding models are not currently realistic. • Case mix adjustments for bulk funding require detailed, accurate data but offer a way to account for cost-driving factors. • Cost drivers vary significantly, and fair compensation models must reflect these differences. • Funding should incentivise meaningful change in shaping the future model of care. • While InterRAI offers a large pool of national data, it is not yet widely used within Hospices. 	 Hospice funding questions - Tom Lov
6. Small Group Meetings Explained	<p>It was noted that the next WG meetings will be small group meetings. One group will look at purchase funding and data, and the other group will look at access & experience and partnerships & collaboration.</p> <p>These smaller groups will provide an opportunity for members to discuss funding principles in more detail.</p> <p>Stephanie has assigned people to groups – if members feel they should be assigned to a different group, please let Stephanie know.</p> <p>Action: Contact Stephanie if you wish to change your small group for the meetings on 16/07/25.</p>	
7. AOB and meeting close	<p>People acknowledged the Professor Michael Pervan presentation that occurred before the meeting, as a useful overview of the independent pricing authority approach in Australia.</p>	

	<p>The Martin Jenkins paper will be discussed at the next full WG meeting.</p> <p>Action: Table Martin Jenkins paper on agenda at next full WG meeting.</p> <p>Audrey closed the meeting with a karakia.</p>	
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Contact Stephanie if you wish to change your small group for next meeting on 16/07/25.	All
Table Martin Jenkins paper on agenda at next full WG meeting	Stephanie