

### Care pathway for health practitioners (not including medical practitioners)



Cultural and spiritual support | Involvement of whānau | Accessible information | Optimisation of end of life care



#### Information

- ▶ Ministry of Health website
- Information in print and accessible formats
- Ministry of Health Secretariat -0800 223 852 (also contact for SCENZ Group)
- ▶ eolc@health.govt.nz

#### **Preparation**

- Assess level of involvement
- Complete training and review guidance
- Understand employer's internal policies and procedures
- Build local connections with service providers and iwi

# Person raises assisted dying

- Topic is clearly raised by person seeking assisted dying (practitioner must not raise)
- Ask clarifying questions
- Consider the setting and whether the right time to discuss
- Involve whānau (with consent)
- Refer to Responding when a person raises assisted dying – conversation guide and handbook

# Responding to the person

- Advise person you cannot provide assisted dying services
- ▶ Connect person to doctor who is willing to provide assisted dying services (eg, refer to known AMP or support contacting SCENZ Group)
- Provide information in appropriate formats

Escalate to appropriate person as per internal procedures

### Continued duty of care

- ► Follow employer's internal policies and procedures
- ▶ Identify concerns
- Escalate to appropriate person for optimisation/ management of end of life care
- Optimise psychosocial, cultural and spiritual supports
- ► Allow space for further conversations
- Support whānau wellbeing and engagement



End of Life Choice Act 2019 | Professional standards | Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights | Ngā Paerewa | Te Tiriti o Waitangi

