



Second Call

National Liverpool Care Pathway for the Dying Patient (LCP) Expert Advisory Group

Further Expertise Required on the National LCP Expert Advisory Group

The National LCP Expert Advisory Group are seeking further applications from interested parties with expertise in the following areas:

- Consumer
 - Economic / Financial / Funding and Planning
 - Sociology / Research / Ethics
 - Cultural / equity of access.
 - Spiritual / Faith
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Introduction

The Liverpool Care Pathway for the Dying Patient (LCP) is an evidence-based, integrated care pathway that guides health care professionals to deliver best practice care to dying patients and their families/ whānau, irrespective of diagnosis or care setting. The LCP does not sanction euthanasia or suicide, or mandate any unethical actions. To find out more about the LCP in New Zealand visit the National LCP Office website www.lcpnz.org.nz

Key points to consider from the National LCP Expert Advisory Group draft Terms of Reference are provided below.

Purpose of the Group

The purpose of the National LCP Expert Advisory Group is to provide advice on the implementation and dissemination of the LCP, and end of life care to the National LCP Office and the Ministry of Health. The group will provide clinical advice, strategic vision, work programme advice, identification and management of risk and any additional advice asked of it. This will all be provided in a manner that maintains the strong links already established by the National LCP Office with the sector and is based on a collaborative approach.

The National LCP Office is committed to improving the care of dying patients and their families/whānau across all care settings in New Zealand.

Accountability

The National LCP Office reports directly to the Ministry of Health.

- Role** The role of the National LCP Expert Advisory Group is to provide the National LCP Office and the Ministry of Health with:
- expert clinical advice and recommendations on:
 - specific areas that relate to LCP implementation and dissemination, and end of life care (clinical effectiveness, service improvement, service development, policy development, service standards)
 - technology change for LCP and end of life care
 - services / initiatives for prioritisation to be considered as part of strategic planning and prioritisation process to provide a longer term strategic view on how the National LCP Office intends to achieve its overall purpose as contracted by the Ministry of Health
 - specific areas as requested
 - expert review
 - consult and liaise with key stakeholders as requested including the wider consultative Reference Network.

The National LCP Expert Advisory Group will also monitor and provide supplemental reporting to the Ministry of Health on compliance with the contractual requirements of the National LCP Office.

National LCP Expert Advisory Group

Membership The National LCP Expert Advisory Group will consist of expertise membership of eight to ten individuals across the following areas:

- Clinical Generalist Palliative Care
- Clinical Specialist Palliative Care
- Aged Residential Care Sector
- National LCP Facilitators Group
- Consumer
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National LCP Office

Employees of the National LCP Office will attend the meetings of the National LCP Expert Advisory Group.

The Senior Clinical Advisor for Palliative Care and nominated representative of the Arohanui Hospice Service Trust will be an ex-officio member of the National LCP Expert Advisory Group.

- Skills Required** The National Office requires the expertise members of the National LCP Expert Advisory Group to demonstrate the following skills:
- proven leadership skills
 - ability to act as a champion (recognising that leadership is diffuse and influence is as important)
 - established and credible links across the sector
 - health care sector members are clinically based
 - collaborative approach
 - able communicator
 - strategically focused.

**Appointment
Process**

The National LCP Office sought expressions of interest from the above sectors in April/May 2010. Appropriate individuals have been selected from this, based on best fit with expertise and skills required. At the inaugural meeting of the group on 30th July 2010, the group noted gaps in expertise in the following areas:

- Consumer
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Consequently, a second call for interested parties in the highlighted areas above has been sent.

Members will be appointed for a two year term, or until the member chooses to step down (whichever is the lesser term). However, the National LCP Expert Advisory Group will ensure the term of some members of the initial group is extended to facilitate staggering appointment of new members to retain corporate memory.

**Appointment
Process**

Chairperson

The interim Chairperson has been appointed until the final selection process is complete.

The Chair will hold office for a two year term, or until the member chooses to step down (whichever is the lesser term). However, the Chair may be appointed for a second term by the incumbent members of the National LCP Expert Advisory Group.

**Membership
Selection**

Members will be selected based on evidence each individual displays against the skills requirements (listed above).

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Please send all applications in writing, including a cover letter and CV to:

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Closing date 3rd September 2010.