Better Access to Palliative Care Program

Service Planning and Design
Tasmanian Health Assistance Package (THAP)

- Tasmanian Health Assistance Package (THAP) provides $63.2m over 4 years to strengthen palliative care services in Tasmania

- Components include:
  - Better Access to Palliative Care (BAPC);
  - a pilot training project on the palliative approach to care; and
  - expansion of the Cradle Coast eHealth initiative.
Better Access to Palliative Care Program (BAPC)

• BAPC Objective:

To expand the existing capacity of the Tasmanian health system to deliver multi-disciplinary, home based palliative care services for people with life limiting illnesses who are in the last 12 months of life or as determined by a medical professional.
Better Access to Palliative Care Program (BAPC)

- BAPC has provided funding to:
  - The District Nurses for the provision of hospice@HOME packages;
  - Tasmanian Association of Hospice and Palliative Care (TAHPC) for infrastructure support services; and
  - DHHS and the Tasmanian Health Organisations (North, South and North West).
Better Access to Palliative Care Program (BAPC)

- funding to DHHS – system manager

- funding to THOs North, North West and South- service providers

- Two projects:
  1. Better Access to Palliative Care Policy Framework
  2. Enhancing Specialist Palliative Care Teams
Better Access to Palliative Care Program

- Four key action areas across both projects:

  1. Tasmanian Palliative Care Policy Framework;

  2. strengthening the networks and linkages between palliative care providers;

  3. enhancing palliative care system; and

  4. enhancing the capacity of specialist palliative care teams.
1. **Tasmanian Palliative Care Policy Framework – Develop and Implement a Strategy for Coordination and Collaboration (1)**

- builds on the *National Palliative Care Strategy*;

- builds on Tasmanian Palliative Care Service Delivery Model;

- linkages to other palliative care initiatives (Australian Government);

- linkages to Tasmania Medicare Local (TML) :
  - care co-ordination
  - streamlined care pathways
  - HealthPathways
I. Tasmanian Palliative Care Policy Framework –
Develop and implement a Strategy for Co-
ordination and Collaboration (2)

Key Action Areas:

– Tasmanian Palliative Care Policy Framework;

– BAPC communication strategy;

– Project Connections Committee: Palliative Care
2. Strengthening the networks and linkages between palliative care providers (primary and specialist) (I)

- collaborative palliative care service network;

- initiatives to better integrate and strengthen the palliative care network;

- Tasmanian Association for Hospice and Palliative Care Association (TAHPC) has a key community development role;

- synergies with other community sector projects and activities.
2. Strengthening the networks and linkages between palliative care providers (primary and specialist) (2)

Key Action Areas:

– *Partners in Palliative Care* (PIPC) Reference Group to;

  • promote and strengthen capacity and linkages;
  
  • inform future planning and service system enhancements;
  
  • contribute to the Tasmanian Palliative Care Policy Framework;
  
  • inform BAPC initiatives and evaluation.
3. Enhancing palliative care system - public, private, primary, secondary, tertiary (1)

- enhanced capacity to better meet client needs;

- linkages to other key funded BAPC projects in Tasmania;

- integration of hospice@HOME;

- collaborative model of care that supports the delivery of community based packaged care.
3. **Enhancing palliative care system - public private, primary, secondary, tertiary (2)**

**Key Action Areas:**

- provision of h@H community based palliative care packages;
- provision of after-hours specialist clinical advice;
- integration of rapid response;
- provision and access to bereavement services;
- healthy dying.
4. Enhancing the capacity of Specialist Palliative Care Service (1)

- enhance the service capacity of each Specialist Palliative Care Service (SPCS);
- Workforce Development Plan;
- specialist palliative care workforce models;
- introduction system supports for an IT rollout.
4. Enhancing the capacity of specialist palliative care teams (2)

**Key Action Areas:**

- additional staffing to SPCS;
- Workforce Development Plan;
- sustainable workforce models;
- IT system implementation.