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Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019

Implementation Update

Project Team - Communique November 2020

Webinar Series Update

Preparing for voluntary assisted dying in WA: Learning from the Victorian experience

If you have registered for the opportunity to hear the experiences of Victorian providers in implementing voluntary assisted dying, we are pleased to advise that guest speakers have now been confirmed for each of the webinar sessions. These practitioners are generously giving of their time and experience ahead of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019* commencing in Western Australia (WA) on 1 July 2021.

Preparing for voluntary assisted dying: Palliative care providers

Thursday 19 November 2020 4pm AWST

- **Alison Smith**, Manager Integrated Palliative Care Service, Bendigo Health
- **Dr Becky Chapman**, Staff Specialist in Palliative Medicine and Medical Oncology, Bendigo Health

- **Dr Greg Mewett**, Palliative Care Physician, Grampians Regional Palliative Care Team

*Preparing for voluntary assisted dying: Hospital and related service providers
Monday 23 November 2020 4pm AWST*

- **Eliza Armstrong**, Nurse Coordinator, Groupwide VAD Coordinator, Epworth Healthcare
- **Suzie Hooper**, Director of Clinical Services, Epworth Camberwell, Epworth Healthcare
- **Dr Danielle Ko**, Palliative Care Consultant, Medical Lead VAD, Clinical Ethics Lead, Austin Health
- **Dr Mark Boughey**, Director of Palliative Medicine, St Vincent's Hospital

Preparing for voluntary assisted dying: General Practitioners and Nurse Practitioners

Tuesday 24 November 2020 4pm AWST

- **Dr Deb Harley**, General Practitioner, Victoria
- **Dr Scott Blackwell**, General Practitioner, WA
- **Stephanie Dowden**, Nurse Practitioner, WA

*Preparing for voluntary assisted dying: Residential aged care providers
Wednesday 25 November 2020 4pm AWST*

- **Dr Peter Lange**, Geriatrician, Victoria
- **Dr Scott Blackwell**, General Practitioner, WA

If you are interested in attending but have not yet registered, registrations are still open for each of the webinar sessions and will be open until 3:00pm AWST on the day of each webinar.

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Please circulate this communique within your networks so those who are interested in attending a webinar are aware of the upcoming dates.

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