



## **Cradle Coast Electronic Health Information Exchange**

*A consortium of General Practice North West, North West Area Health Service, UTAS Rural Clinical School, and the Cradle Coast Authority, all of whom will take an active role in supporting and promoting this project. Initially sponsored by the North West Area Health Service, the Gold Standards Framework in Registered Aged Care Facilities (RACF) program aims to support high quality, dignity-promoting care for residents of Registered Aged Care Facilities. Cradle Coast eHIE identified the opportunity to support the cross-boundary care required by establishing a regional PCEHR-conformant repository that will connect RACFs with General Practice, acute hospital services, after-hours services such as GP assist, and Allied health providers such as pharmacy, for coordinated care. This project will provide lessons on incorporating Advanced Care Plans within the PCEHR.*

### **Project**

Will enable a supportive and palliative care program for people in the last year(s) of their life. The project supports an innovative and coordinated care planning approach for residents and their family/support persons, carers and other RACF staff, general practice, acute hospital services, and Allied Health practitioners, with a shared electronic health record. The project will provide essential national policy lessons for future PCEHR-based End of Life care components. The project targets residents of Registered Aged Care Facilities in the first instance, with a view to being rolled out in the future to aged persons being cared for in the community. This project supports and tests cross boundary access of authorised users to the consumers care planning and health record. Key documents to be provided to the PCEHR include Shared Health Summary, Enduring Guardian and Statement of Wishes.

### **Demographics**

While this project is focussed on Residential Aged Care Facilities in Northwest Tasmania it will inform future implementation of electronic sharing advanced care plans.

### **Approach**

The project will use off-the-shelf care planning software to share the advanced care directives until the national PCEHR infrastructure is in place. The approach used will inform national policy settings

### **Contacts including related links**

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