

The weekly newsletter of Auckland PHO provides details of events, meetings, clinical information and PHO Programmes to our Practices

CERVICAL SCREENING PROGRAMME

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The National Screening Unit has announced [changes to the National Cervical Screening Programme \(NCSP\)](#). They are planning to move to HPV primary screening from July 2023 and HPV self-testing will then become an option for women.

Please continue to follow the [current cervical screening programme guidelines](#) and encourage women to continue to participate in cervical screening.

The [proposed clinical pathway](#) for the new programme is out for consultation. Please complete the [consultation survey](#) by 8 June 2021.

Here is a [list of FAQs](#) about the proposed changes to the cervical screening test. A Cervical Screening update webinar will be available on HealthPathways and notified via Medinz in July 2021.

For further information, please contact Jane Grant, Nurse Specialist, Child, Youth and Women's Health Team, Auckland and Waitematā DHBs, at Jane.Grant@waitematadhb.govt.nz or Meena Narang, Cervical Screening Co-ordinator at Counties Manukau DHB, via Meena.Narang@middlemore.co.nz

FIRST LEARNING MODULE ABOUT THE END OF LIFE CHOICE ACT 2019 NOW AVAILABLE FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The Ministry of Health is leading the work programme to implement the End of Life Choice Act 2019 (the Act) and introduce an assisted dying service in New Zealand from 7 November 2021. A key part of the Ministry's implementation work is providing guidance, information and training to support health professionals prepare for the introduction of assisted dying services.

The first online training module providing an overview of the Act and assisted dying is now available for health professionals.

The [End of Life Choice Act 2019: Overview \(learnonline.health.nz\)](#) module will help health professionals develop a working knowledge of their roles and responsibilities under the Act, including conscientious objection.

Log in to [LearnOnline](#) using your existing account, or to create a new account, to access the End of Life Choice Act 2019 overview learning module: <https://learnonline.health.nz/enrol/index.php?id=444>

Health professionals may be asked about assisted dying and may choose to be involved in different ways. They can also choose not to be involved. This 20-minute module covers:

- an overview of the Act and assisted dying
- some of the key safeguards in the assisted dying process; and
- how assisted dying fits into existing health professional roles.

If you have questions about this module or you don't have a LearnOnline login please see: this [learner information](#) on the Ministry website for more details.

End of Life Choice Act 2019 implementation information sheets

Alongside the learning module, three information sheets are available on the Ministry of Health website covering:

- [Information for health professionals about the Act and assisted dying](#)
- [Information for health service providers](#) about preparing for the implementation of assisted dying
- [Information for the public about the Act and assisted dying](#)

These materials will be kept updated as part of implementation.

For more information

Visit the Ministry of Health [website here](#).

Sign up for the End of Life Choice Act 2019 implementation [programme newsletter here](#).

Send questions to the implementation programme team email: eolc@health.govt.nz

WEBINAR ABOUT ASSISTED DYING AND LEARNINGS FROM INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

The first in a series of End of Life Choice Act 2019 implementation webinars for health professionals will be hosted **via zoom** on:

Date: 2 June 2021

Time: 7pm - 8pm

Speakers:

- **Dr Kristin Good**, Chief Clinical Advisor at the Ministry of Health and experienced GP, will be joined by two medical practitioners to discuss their international experiences of assisted dying services.
- **Dr Cam McLaren** is a medical oncologist in Melbourne, Victoria, and has been providing voluntary assisted dying assessments since it was introduced in 2019. He is the Clinical Moderator of the Victorian Community of Practice, and is conducting a PhD into the effect of VAD on patient reported outcomes and the grief and bereavement experience of close contacts of VAD patients.
- **Dr Kynan Bazley** is a New Zealand GP who recently returned from living in rural British Columbia, Canada, where he was a medical assessor, provider and coordinator in the medical assistance in dying service.

Please register to attend the: Assisted dying implementation – learning from international experience webinar here:

https://mohnz.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fpCmofLEQwiWCq9QSBIsbg

This webinar is for health professionals only. It may be of particular interest to health practitioners, including medical and nurse practitioners, who may be involved in providing assisted dying services in New Zealand.

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Our DSME courses are designed to benefit patients newly diagnosed with diabetes along with those who need additional support to manage their long-term condition. Our course covers - what diabetes is, complications, medications, keeping active, understanding tests, foot care, food choices, label reading and goal setting.

Living with diabetes can be scary and confusing and feedback from our course participants is extremely positive, patients feel they are less afraid and more empowered having gained the knowledge and skills to make some major lifestyle changes with a better understanding of diabetes.

[View upcoming courses here](#)

If you have any queries or require further information about DSME please contact Saphiya@aucklandpho.co.nz



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