

SEQUAL (Supportive Education and Quality Palliative Care) is an innovative programme between aged residential care (ARC) facilities in MidCentral DHB and Rangitikei, and Arohanui Hospice. The programme is in response to the recognition by the Ministry of Health to provide quality palliative care for all, regardless of diagnosis or care setting. This project concentrates on increasing generalist palliative care knowledge to benefit residents in aged residential care facilities.

## Why focus on aged care?

There is a growing need for palliative care in aged residential care. Future projections show an increasing number of people are likely to die in this care setting.

## How is this achieved?

A small team of specialist practitioners from Arohanui Hospice will work in partnership with ARC facility staff. A ten step implementation process will be used within each organisation. This supports empowerment and sustainability within organisations. The ten step plan includes a stepped approach that promotes consistency within the implementation process.

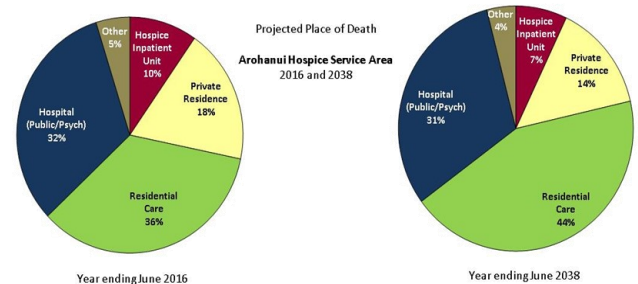
### The team will:

- Support palliative care best practice
- Provide clinical mentoring and coaching by specialist palliative care nurses
- Support ARC staff and providers to actively plan and provide palliative and end of life care
- Facilitate the implementation of a quality palliative care framework to measure elements of palliative care
- Strengthen collaboration and integration between specialist and primary palliative care services

## How does this differ from hospice care?

The SEQUAL team will focus on supporting staff to care for all those in aged care with palliative care need.

The Hospice team work with those who have complex specialist palliative care need.



Source: National Model of the Need for Palliative Care

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