

Funding for a dedicated ACP facilitator

What: Engaging with executive leadership across integrated work streams to gain approval for dedicated ACP resource funding

Why/rationale: To gain funding for an ACP facilitator to work across the three DHBs.

Who: Capital and Coast, Wairarapa and Hutt Valley DHBs

Benefits/value added:

- ACP awareness and support is raised within the DHB executive.
- The DHBs have a dedicated facilitator to support them to implement ACP.

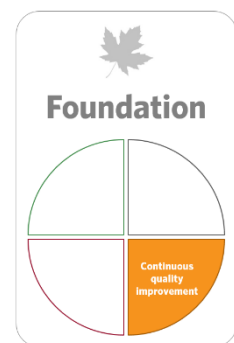
Risks/challenges:

- The DHB executives do not approve funding for a dedicated role.

Steps: How this looked on the ground

Foundation

1. Became familiar with the local DHB Alliance Leadership Team (ALT) strategic work plan and where ACP fits with meeting strategic goals.
2. Considered the Health of Older People, Long Term Conditions management and/or Palliative Care work streams for alignment.
3. Engaged with key clinical champions and operational leaders in primary care, hospital services, integrated service teams to gain their support of ACP.
4. Met with the DHB Planning & Funding, Health of Older People/Palliative Care Portfolio Managers to:
 - develop a funding request for an ACP dedicated resource
 - highlight ACP as a priority
 - determine the rationale (eg. alignment with national strategies like Healthy Ageing, New Zealand Health Strategy, Review of Adult Palliative Care services).
5. Gained approval to fund a dedicated ACP resource.
6. Developed a strategic work plan aligned to DHB ALT work streams for an ACP facilitator to implement across primary and secondary care.



Progressing

1. Used the strategic work plan to determine areas of focus for the year and developed activities to implement.
2. Worked with the local regional ACP network to determine ACP activity on a regional basis.

Outcomes to date:

- Funding was approved and a dedicated role has been employed.
- A strategic work plan has been developed and is being implemented.

Future opportunities:

- Continue to find ways of strengthening community investment.
- Looking to have more people access ACP through general practice.
- Working with NGOs to implement ACP.

