

South West Hospice Palliative Care INTEGRATE project: Early identification of patients requiring palliative care

WORKSTREAM UPDATE SUMMARY – April 2017

London Regional Cancer Program (LRCP)

The Coordinated Care Plan (CCP) has been selected as the most appropriate communication tool for the INTEGRATE project. The Health Links team has agreed to partner with INTEGRATE to evaluate the CCP tool as the project evolves. Upfront concerns have been identified and shared with the Health Links team and the provincial working group is being kept in the loop. Health Links has advised that a new version of the tool will be available in May and the updates will address many of the palliative care concerns.

Primary Care

The Primary Care workstream was able to connect with the data quality lead for the Byron Family Medical Centre to confirm their ability to pull the requested data set. The initial data set will be shared with physicians at the next meeting to review data for completeness and to discuss go-forward plan. A representative from CCAC will be invited to participate in a meeting to discuss the communication tool for primary care.

Education

General discussions have begun around the Serious Illness Conversation training structure and program launch. There will be an initial training session for facilitators late summer, led by Kylea Potvin. The first training session will be offered mid-September and will be offered to all physicians and staff in cancer services, including surgical, hematology, and regional partners. There is still work to be done around evaluation metrics and how success will be measured from both a patient/family and care provider perspective.

Data

A draft process map for data flow has been completed with the intent to finalize this work before the May Core Team meeting. The workstream continues to refine the evaluation plan as the project evolves and as stakeholder feedback is provided. Technical specifications for pulling the pre/post implementation cohorts and for the identified outcome measures will be built into the final plan.

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Communication

The March workstream summary has been posted on the South West Hospice Palliative Care Network's website. Visit the web page for all project related updates:

http://swpalliativecare.ca/52/Current_Projects/