

## Guidelines for Accessing Funds from Te Omanga Hospice "Special Education Fund"

As the specialist palliative care provider in the Hutt Valley, Te Omanga Hospice entered into a partnership with the Hutt Valley District Health Board to enhance the knowledge, understanding and acceptance of palliative care by health professionals so that ALL people have timely access to palliative care.

Liaison and collaboration with Residential Care facilities has forged partnerships with Te Omanga Hospice to achieve dissemination of palliative care principles.

Education and training have been identified as essential if palliative care is to be provided in the aged care sector. Building on original funding from the Hutt Valley District Health Board to organise the "Changing Minds" Seminar in 2007, the surplus funds from this was allocated to a "Special Education Fund". This fund is to be managed by Te Omanga Hospice in conjunction with Residential Care partners and used for the education of any health professional/care working in Residential Care in the Hutt Valley wishing to pursue palliative care education. Further "Changing Minds" seminars will build on this fund.

An application form is to be completed online and emailed to:

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Or post to:

Te Omanga Hospice Special Education Fund Te Omanga Hospice P O Box 30-814 Lower Hutt

## Criteria

- 1. The funding will be known as the Te Omanga Hospice 'Special Education Fund'.
- 2. Funding for education will be allocated at any time between the financial year of 1<sup>st</sup> July to June 30<sup>th</sup> annually and must be for courses run within that period.

- 3. The funding will be available to any health professional/care worker in the Hutt Valley working in the area of palliative care or gerontology.
- 4. Funding will be for courses specific to palliative care eg. hospice, gerontology, chronic illness, aged care.
- 5. It is preferable funding is applied for 4 weeks prior to the course commencement.
- The panel will be made up of representatives from both Te Omanga Hospice and the Residential Care sector
- 7. Amount to be funded will be allocated each financial year by the panel. The amount available per facility will be determined yearly by the funds available.
- 8. The panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 9. The applicant will be informed of the decision by the panel within 14 days of receipt of application.
- 10. Given the criteria are met and funds available it is likely the applicant will be approved
- 11. Theresa McGlynn (Manager Home of Compassion) who is on the panel will alert Te Omanga Hospice when allocation for each facility is used.