From Joey to QuoCCA: approaching ten years of paediatric palliative care education

Aim: The Quality of Care Collaborative Australia (QuoCCA) is a consortium of national tertiary paediatric palliative care (PPC) services formed to improve access to high quality care for children & young people requiring palliative & end-of-life care, & their families, across Australia. To be achieved through education & skill development to health professionals involved in acute & community care including those working in regional, rural & remote locations.

Background:

- PPC is recognised as a burgeoning dual specialty aimed at meeting the needs of the child or young person with a life-limiting condition & enhancing their quality of life.
- Children & families prefer to be at home & participating in activities that promote quality of life, such as attending school.
- Specialist PPC services face geographical barriers, while local teams benefit from support.

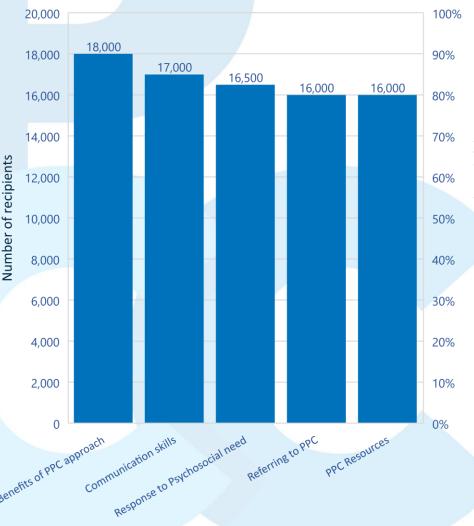
Method:

- Mixed methods evaluated the impact of QuoCCA, from parents, clinicians, & education participants.
- Mixed methods included educator & parent Discovery Interviews, & quantitative & qualitative education participant surveys.

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QuoCCA education outcomes





Outcomes

≥ 1157 QuoCCA education sessions delivered

Provision of **bereavement care** improved in **85%** of responses

Parents

- Felt that they had, & could access an umbrella of support
- Were able to build partnerships with professional support
- Had activated a network of care around the child & family

