

ECHPI

Evidence for Children's Palliative care in Ireland



What is the ECHPI Project About?

The project is focused on gathering and using evidence to fill important information gaps for children's specialist palliative care in Ireland. This is necessary for the successful planning and delivering of palliative care services to children who would most benefit.

Challenge

We currently don't know how many children have life-limiting conditions and need palliative care in Ireland.

We don't know how many children miss out on palliative care referrals.

Concerns exist about lengthy hospital stays and unequal access to palliative care across regions.

We require evidence that is current and relevant to the population in Ireland.

Aim

We want to understand who could benefit most from specialist children's palliative care.

How

We need to estimate palliative care need at a national (population) level.

We need to use hospital admission data.

So we can guide policy development and inform service planning across Ireland.

POPULATION vs CLINICAL LEVEL

POPULATION: Broadly focused on a National level
vs
CLINICAL CARE: Detail-focused at the Individual level
Each requires a different definition of "need"

What We've Learned So Far

- Defining palliative care need at population level is complicated.
- Service planners have less detailed data available to them compared to clinicians.
- This affects how palliative care need is defined for service planning.
- Defining need at a population level involves combining information about diagnosis and care needs.

Who's Involved?



Funders



Our Project Partners:

All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care, Children's Health Ireland, Department of Health, Health Service Executive, King's College London, National Office of Clinical Audit, Patient & Public Involvement Representative and University College Dublin.

If you would like to find out more about the overall ECHPI Project, scan the QR code or visit the ECHPI webpage:

<https://professionalpalliativehub.com/research/palliative-care-research-studies/childrens-palliative-care/>

