

What people tell us about aged and palliative care



ELDAC took the opportunity to seek feedback from booth attendees at the national LASA Congress held in Adelaide in October, and just under 30 people provided written comments on major issues facing the sector.

Here's what they told us:

- 80% of respondents felt comfortable working with individuals at the end of life
- Respondents highlighted the need for more support, training and education for staff around end of life care
- Having guidance in conducting difficult conversations and dealing with conflict, cultural awareness training for both staff and clients, and having additional resources available to support a palliative approach was also emphasised
- Accessing quality GP support and good nursing education, in addition to external specialist support for pain management was also mentioned
- Respondents highlighted the importance of having clear direction and preferences from residents and family at the end of life
- They also flagged the need for understanding the physical and emotional requirements of individuals, families and friends, in addition to support around bereavement

What other important issues do you see in the aged care sector? Share your insights to our email, ELDAC.helpline@flinders.edu.au or follow us on Twitter (@ELDAC_agedcare) to join the conversation.

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