

STAFF SURVEY, PERCEPTIONS OF VAD

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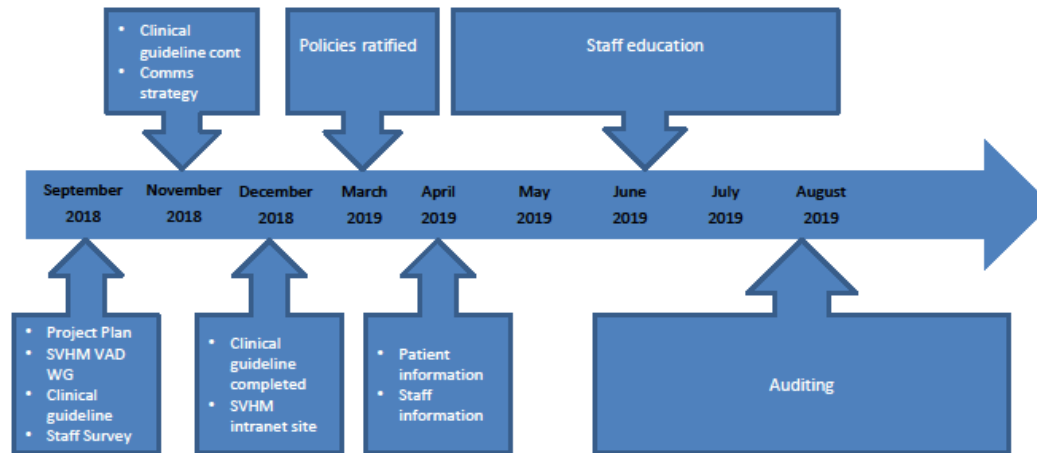


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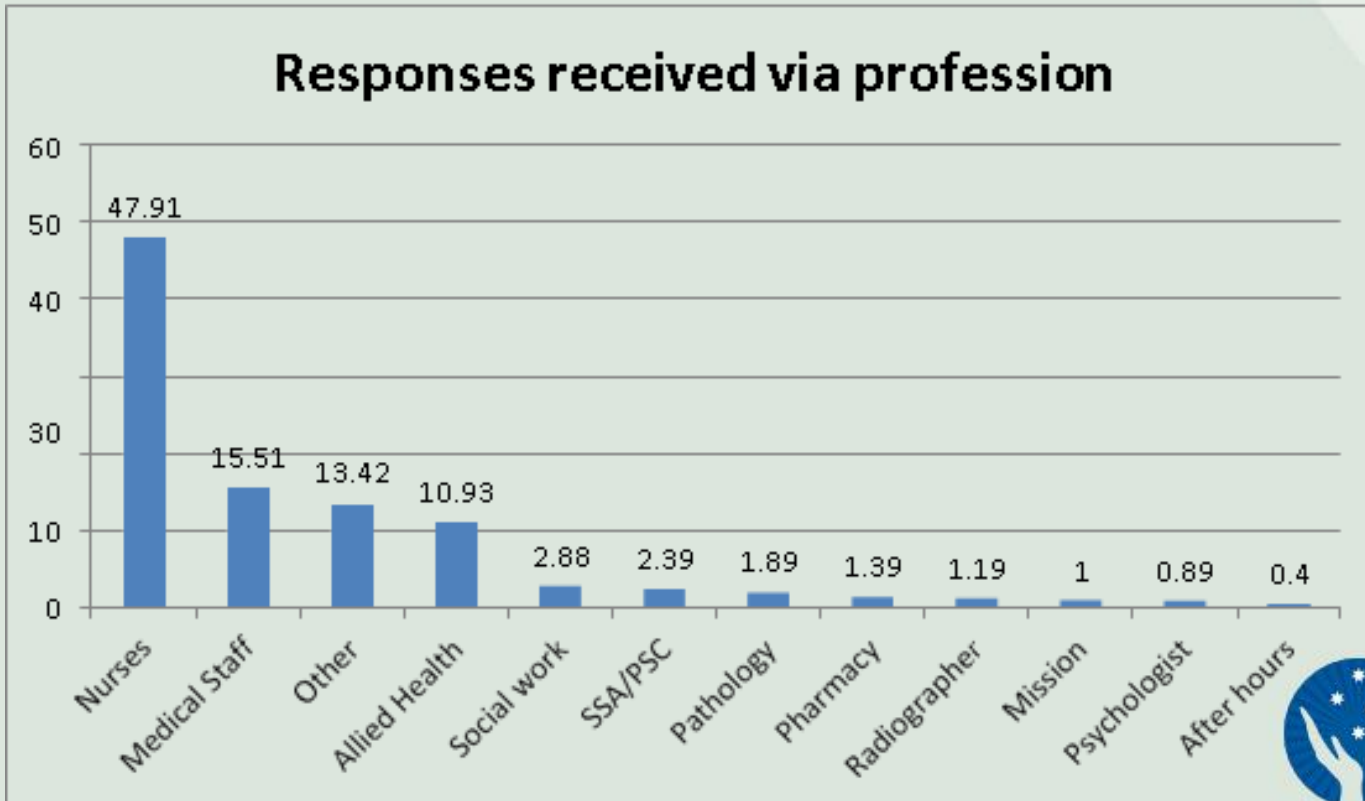


SVHM Process

Response to *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017 (Vic)* at SVHM

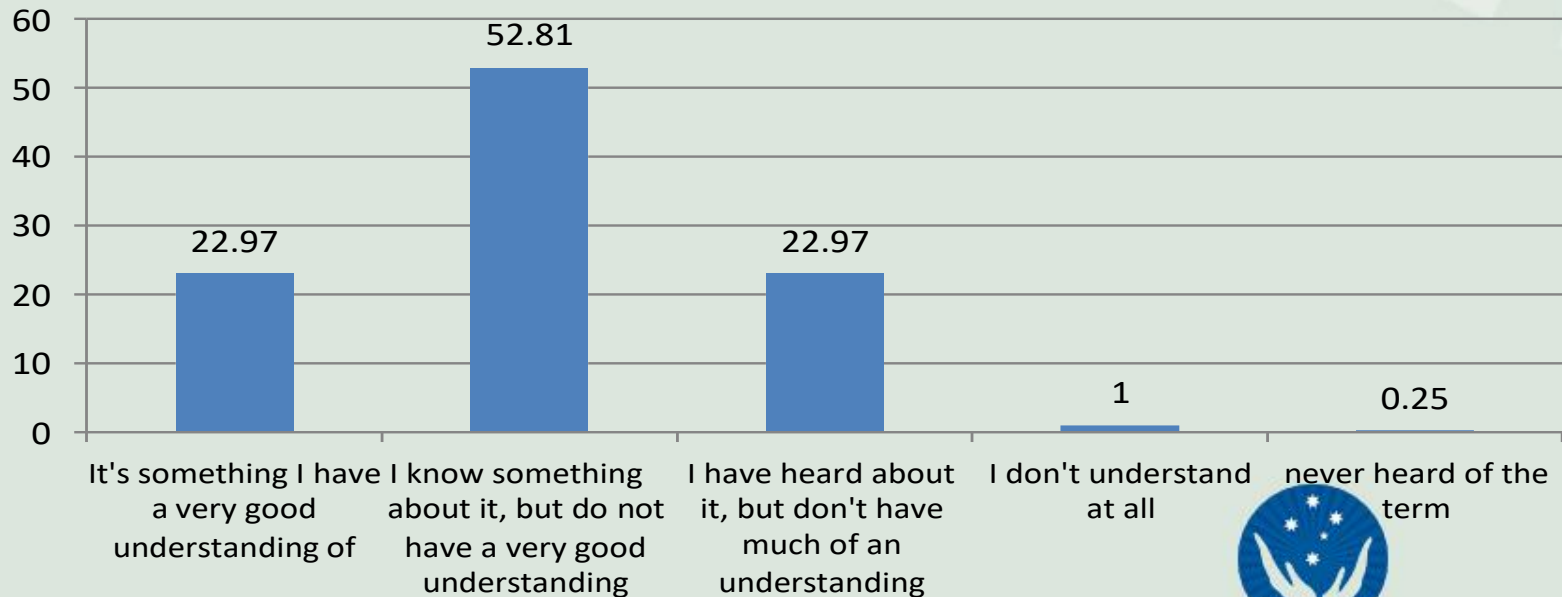


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Staff knowledge on the term Voluntary Assisted Dying



Staff comments

“If St Vincent’s does not support someone who wishes to explore voluntary assisted dying, it would make me feel embarrassed/ashamed to work for an organisation that doesn’t support someone when they need it most”

“How can we have a true patient centred approach to care, if we are going against the patient’s own wishes?”

Staff views on VAD

“I have been asked many times in the last 9 years to assist dying. I am looking forward to assisting people who wish to die voluntarily, instead of watching them suffer despite our absolute best efforts.”

“I respect SVHA for holding true to their values even when it is not politically correct to do so”

Staff views on VAD

“I couldn’t work at a place where this took place. I would refuse to ever be involved in such a practice”

Language

“Stop using emotive text like “assisted suicide” ...its voluntary assisted dying”

“St Vincent’s will use emotive language like assisted suicide. That St Vincent’s will not be helpful or understanding to clients that may want to pursue this service”

“is this legalised murder or advanced palliative care?”

Staff Understanding

“concerns that junior doctors will be responsible for writing orders that junior nurses will be completing”

“I would like to know whether one cannot participate in the practice as a medical practitioner”

Communications

Clarity

Frequency

Channel

Consistency with other Catholic health services