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Health

# Preference for EOLC at PCU

# North Wing PCU

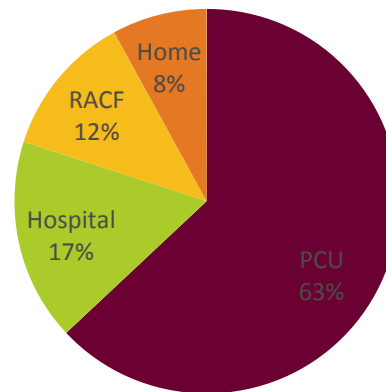
- The Palliative Care Unit forms part of the North Wing in the Inpatient Rehabilitation Centre.
- 16 beds
- Specialist Palliative Care for patients with life limiting illnesses and complex needs
- Symptom management, End of life care and Discharge planning



# PCU for EOLC

- 2014-15, 48.9 % of community palliative care patients died in their preferred setting
- Home was the most common followed by the PCU
- The choice of EOLC care in PCU was fulfilled for 63 % of patients

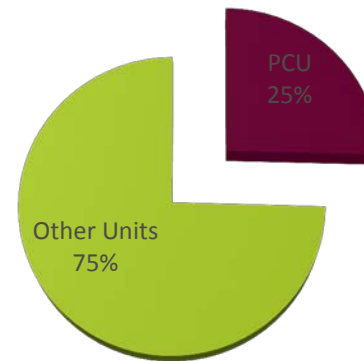
Achieved preference of EOLC at PCU 14/15



# Inpatient deaths

- 2014-15, a total 909 patients died across BH
- 231 in PCU

Total BH inpatient deaths 14/15



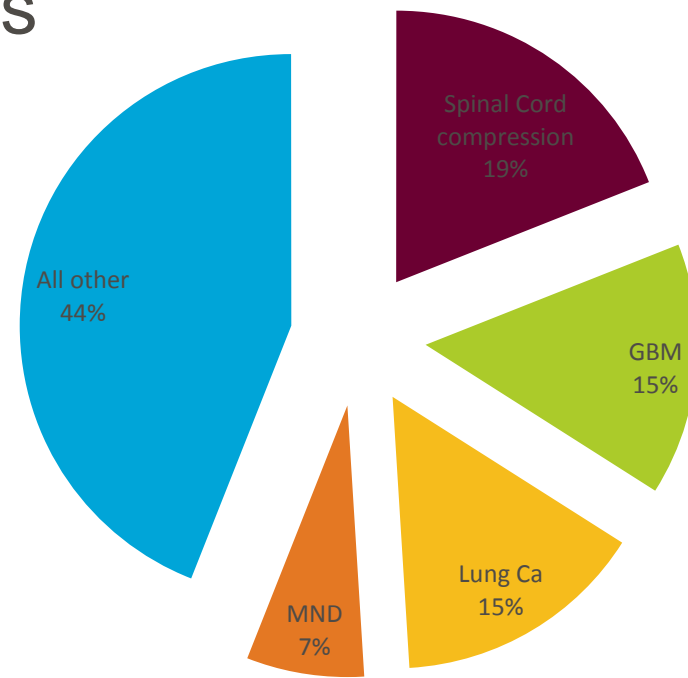
# Access to PCU

- Average wait times 2014-15 PCU admission 1.9 days
- 25 % of patients waited longer than average
- Longest wait was 13 days
- Total number of days 533 days



# Access to PCU

- Long stay patients may contribute to longer wait times
- Slow progressive illness
- Discharge planning



# Thoughts for the future

20% increase in population growth by 2026

## Considerations for PCU

How do we ensure timely access to inpatient Palliative Care ?

How can we fulfil the choice of the PCU as the preferred setting for end of life care?

