The KINDLE Project: Key themes and messages from the AIIHPC Palliative Care Research Network

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Background & Objectives
• Research networks that facilitate collaborative research are increasing both regionally and globally and such collaborations contribute greatly to knowledge transfer in health research.
• The All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care's (AIIHPC's) Palliative Care Research Network (PCRN) seeks to support and promote research collaboration and innovation to inform policy and practice in this area both nationally and internationally.
• The aim of the AIIHPC KINDLE Project (Knowledge, INnovation, Dissemination, Learning, Exchange) was to identify crosscutting messages from projects associated with the PCRN, with dissemination outputs optimised to ensure that key messages and shared learning from palliative care research reaches all knowledge users.
• The KINDLE Project is informed by the EMTReK model of knowledge transfer and exchange (Guerin et al., 2015).

KINDLE Project Methods
• In line with PRISMA, a purposive structured search of dissemination products from the PCRN was carried out to ensure that all relevant materials from PCRN-related projects were collected.
• Members of the PCRN were invited (using an infographic) to provide materials, while a traditional search of databases was conducted to identify any additional output.
• Materials (n = 142) included any dissemination activity including peer-reviewed papers/abstracts, conference presentations, study protocols, internal symposia, social media activity (e.g., Twitter/Facebook), workshops/master classes, reports to funders, and news reports.

Conclusion
• Ten themes emerged from the analysis, which were grouped into four core themes (presented above) based on an analysis process which included the discussion of initial findings with reflection groups including service users and carers, researchers, and practitioners.
• The messages identified encompass a range of issues that are relevant to palliative care highlighting the greater potential impact of this project for research, education, and policy practice.
• The dissemination strategy included the production of four animated videos (one per key theme). The aim is to use these videos, as well as peer reviewed publications and conference presentations, to maximise the potential impact of the messages from the project.

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