The KINDLE Project: Identifying key themes and messages from the AllIHPIC Palliative Care Research Network

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Background & Objectives
• The All Ireland Institute for Hospice & Palliative Care (AllIHPIC) Palliative Care Research Network (PCRN) is a collaborative group of researchers, which aims to build on the work being done by palliative care researchers across the island of Ireland, encouraging the sharing of knowledge and collaboration.
• The purpose of the KINDLE Project (Knowledge, INnovation, Dissemination, Learning, Exchange) is to unlock the knowledge from the PCRN by identifying shared learning from the network in the form of key themes evident in research output.
• Critically, the project aims to “re-package” these messages to reach all stakeholders in the means most likely to be effective.
• In line with these aims we conducted a thematic synthesis to identify high-level messages and themes from projects within the PCRN.
• A series of videos will be developed to report the findings of the study in a way that maximises the accessibility of the learning.
• The KINDLE Project is informed by the EMTReK model of knowledge transfer and exchange (Prihodova et al., 2015).

KINDLE Project Methods
• In line with PRISMA guidelines, a purposive structured search of dissemination products from the PCRN was carried out to ensure that all relevant materials from PCRN products were collected.
• Materials include conference presentations, study protocols, published peer-reviewed papers/abstracts, internal symposia, social media activity (e.g., tweets/Facebook), workshops/master classes, reports to funders, documents related to archived datasets, and news reports.
• Members of the PCRN were invited using an info graphic (presented right) to provide materials, while a traditional search of databases was conducted to identify any additional output.

Preliminary Findings
• A total of 142 dissemination products were gathered from across the PCRN projects.
• Included 11 distinct types of products. The most common were traditional academic products (peer reviewed publications, conference presentations) followed by progress reports.
• Dissemination products targeted a range of audiences, including academics/researchers, policy makers/practitioners and the general public, though a focus on academic audiences was clear.
• Data extraction was conducted to extract the key messages from each of the products, a process which was verified through independent double extraction of data. Thematic synthesis was used to isolate key themes across the messages (presented left).

Interim Conclusion
• Overall ten themes emerged from the initial analysis, reflecting issues of both service provision, patient and family needs and research methodology. These themes (left) show some overlaps.
• Themes are currently being presented to reflection groups of service users and carers, researchers and practitioners, to inform the final analysis and explore the implications of the findings.

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