Preference for EOLC at 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

- PCU: 63%
- Hospital: 17%
- RACF: 12%
- Home: 8%
Inpatient deaths

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

Pie chart showing:
- All other 44%
- Spinal Cord compression 19%
- GBM 15%
- Lung Ca 15%
- MND 7%
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?