

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

**MATE WHAKAAHURU
ASSISTED DYING SERVICES**

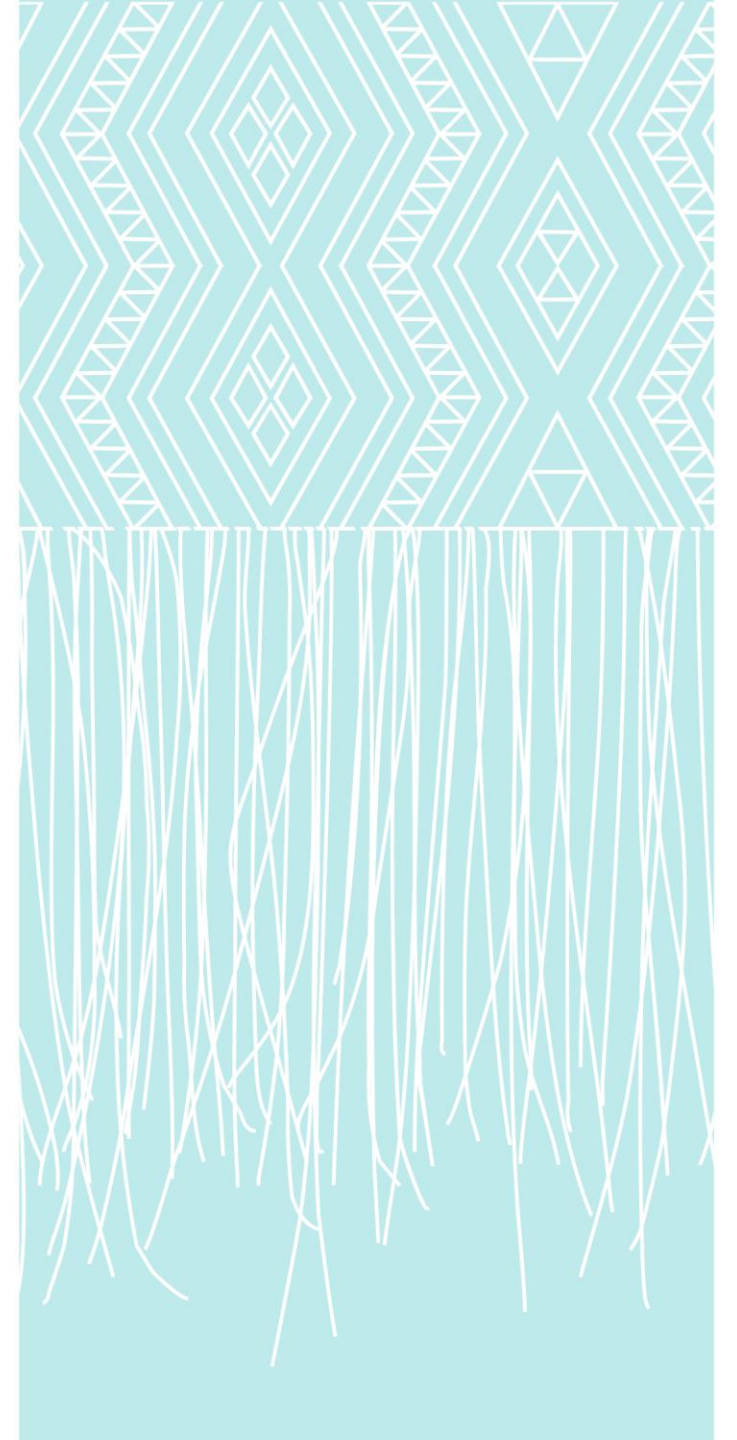
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What is assisted dying?

- End of Life Choice Act 2019 (the Act)
- Ministry of Health
- Health NZ

How the Code and the Act work together

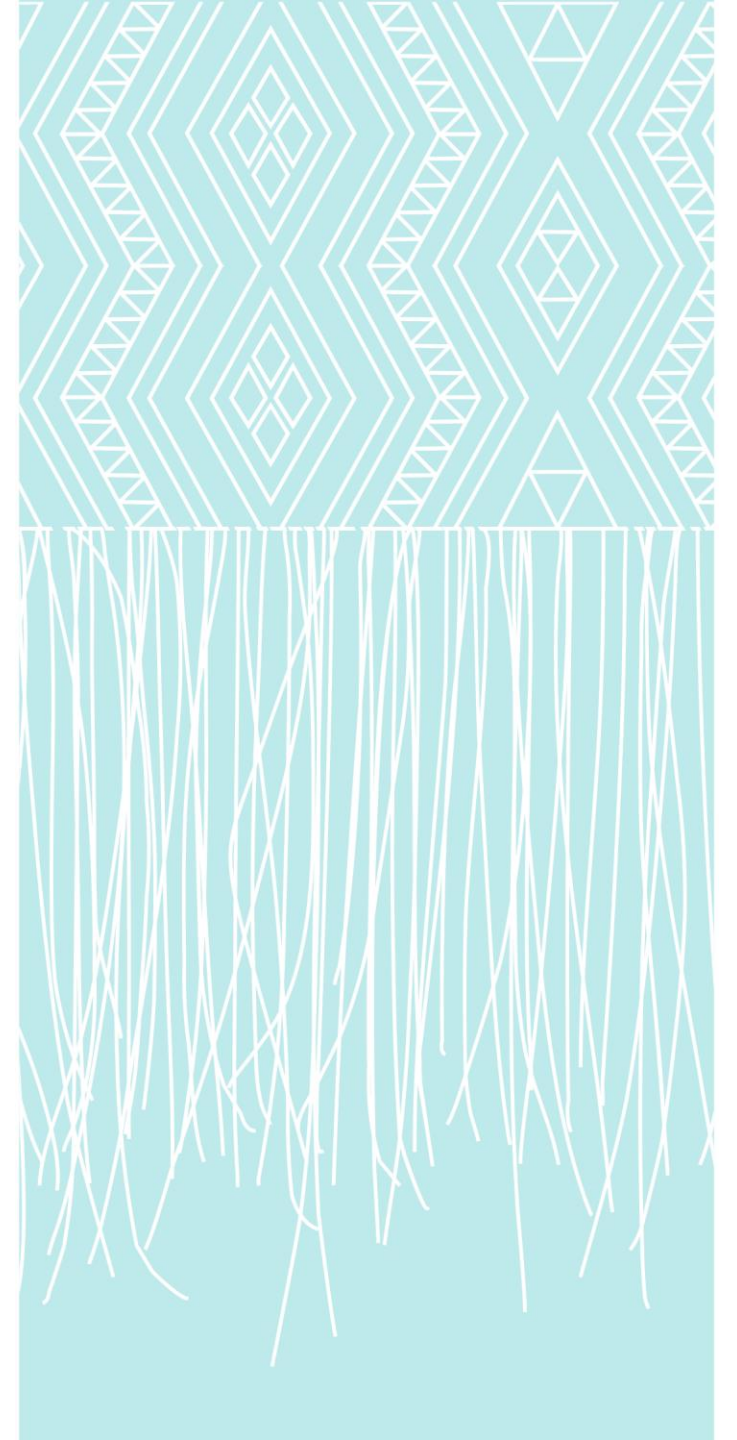
- **Providing information**
- **Competence and capacity**
- **Advanced Directives**

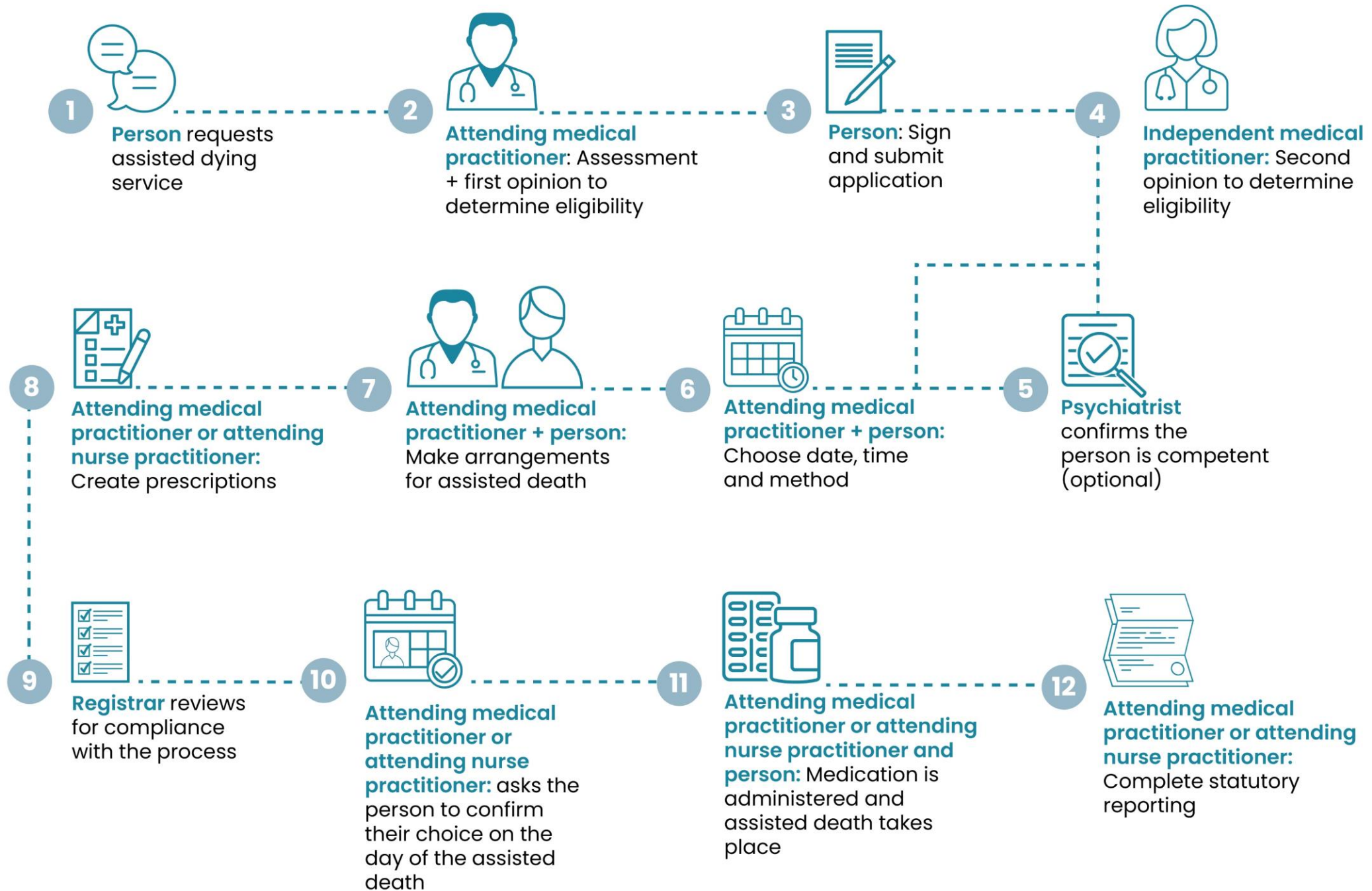


Eligibility Criteria

- **>18**
- **NZ Citizen / PR**
- **Terminal Illness <6mo prognosis**
- **Advanced irreversible decline in physical capability**
- **Unbearable suffering**
- **Competent**

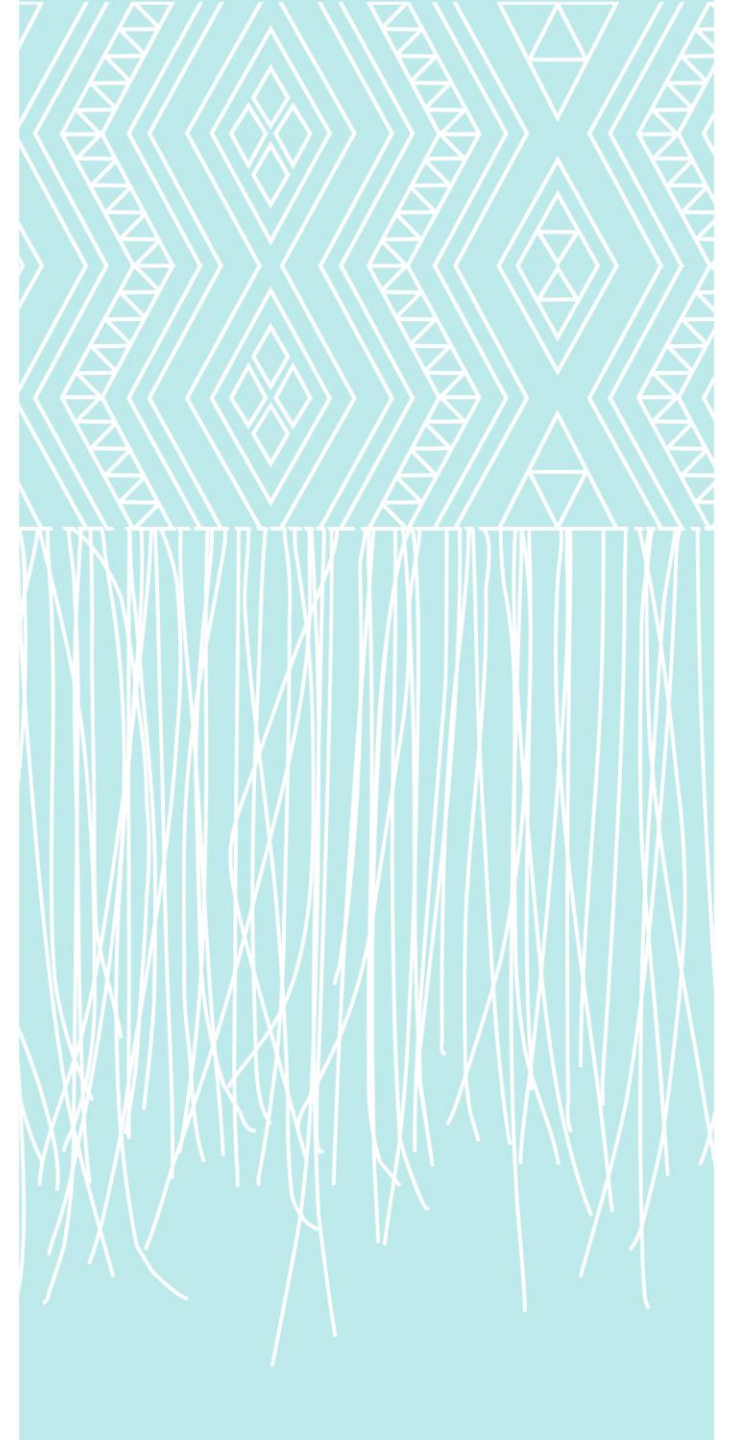
******mental disorder or mental illness, disability, advanced age.**





Your role in the process

- **Active**
- **Indirect**
- **Conscientious Objection**



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Safeguards and Challenges

Training and Support

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The five modules are:

Module 1: The Assessment Process

This module will take about 30 minutes to complete and will introduce the assessment process within the assisted dying care pathway.

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Module 2: Planning for the assisted death

This module will take about 20 minutes to complete and focuses on the key considerations around planning an assisted death.

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Module 3: The assisted death and after-care

This module will take about 20 minutes to complete and focuses on the assisted death and the reporting and after-care that follows.

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Module 4: Practitioner safety, support and wellbeing

This module will take about 15 minutes to complete and focuses on your obligations, working safely, how you are supported and your wellbeing.

[Start learning](#)

Module 5: Review of Learning

This module will take about 20 minutes to complete and will review what has been covered in all the e-learning modules about assisted dying services.

You will need to answer 90% (23 out of 25) of the questions correctly to pass this module.

You will need to complete this module from start to finish for your marks to be registered. If you leave the module part way through then resume, you will need to start at the beginning.

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 Course Certificate | Providing Assisted Dying Services e-learning modules

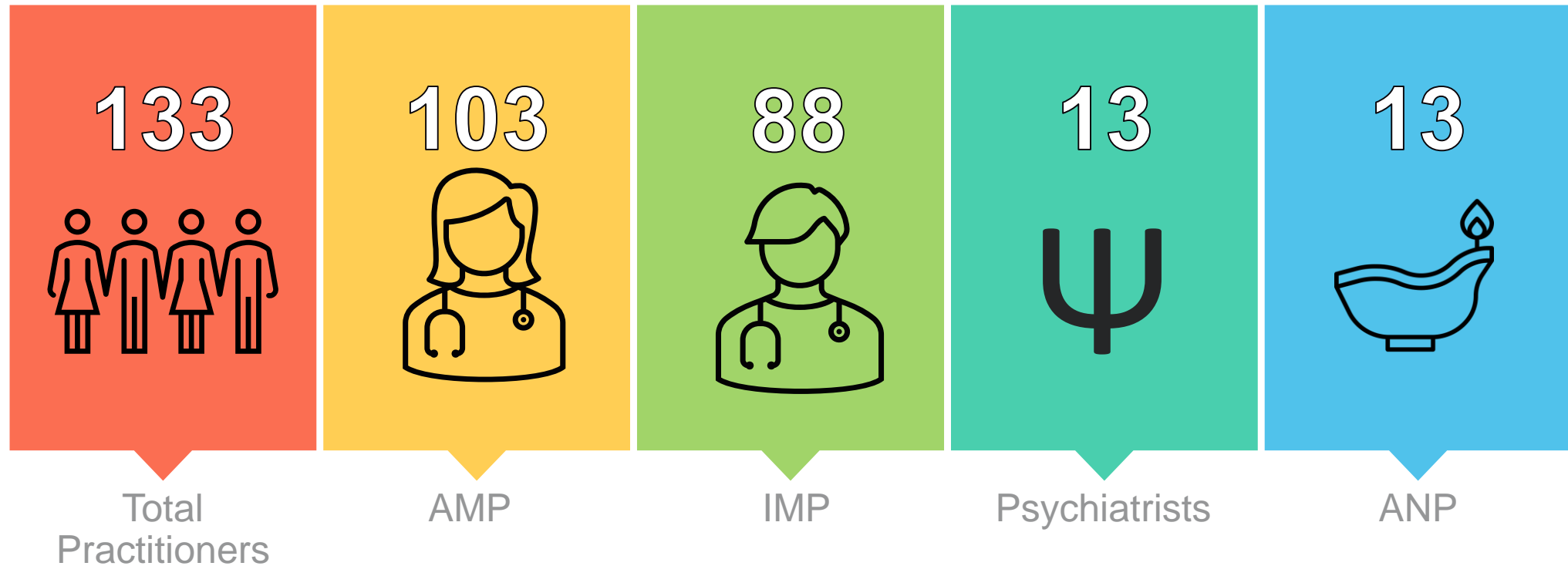
Additional, optional learning – Assessing competency

Below you can review a presentation by psychiatrists Dr Gary Cheung and Dr Jane Casey on assessing competency within the context of the assisted dying service. This presentation is from a webinar held in November 2021.

Practitioners may also find it helpful to complete the e-learning module *Assessing decision-making capacity: the clinical basics*. This e-learning module can be completed for free on the [Goodfellow Unit](#) website.

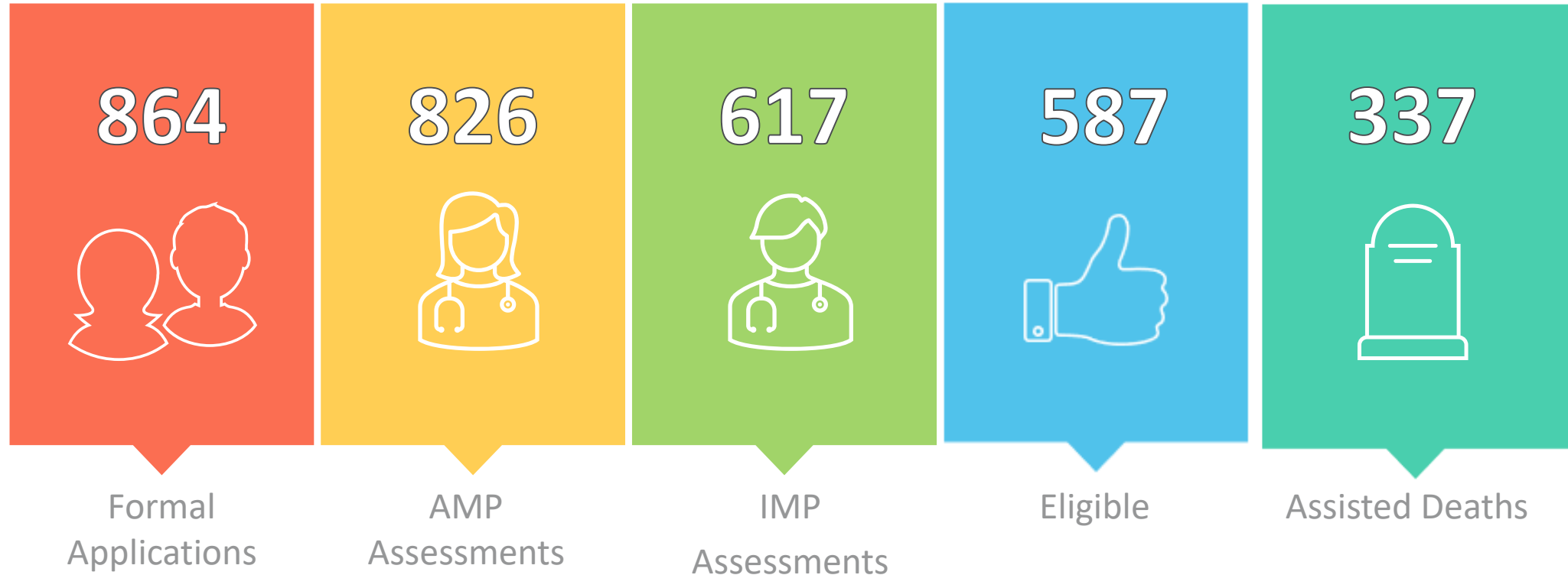
[Assisted Dying Service: Assessing Competency Presentation](#)

SCENZ Practitioner List



Key Figures

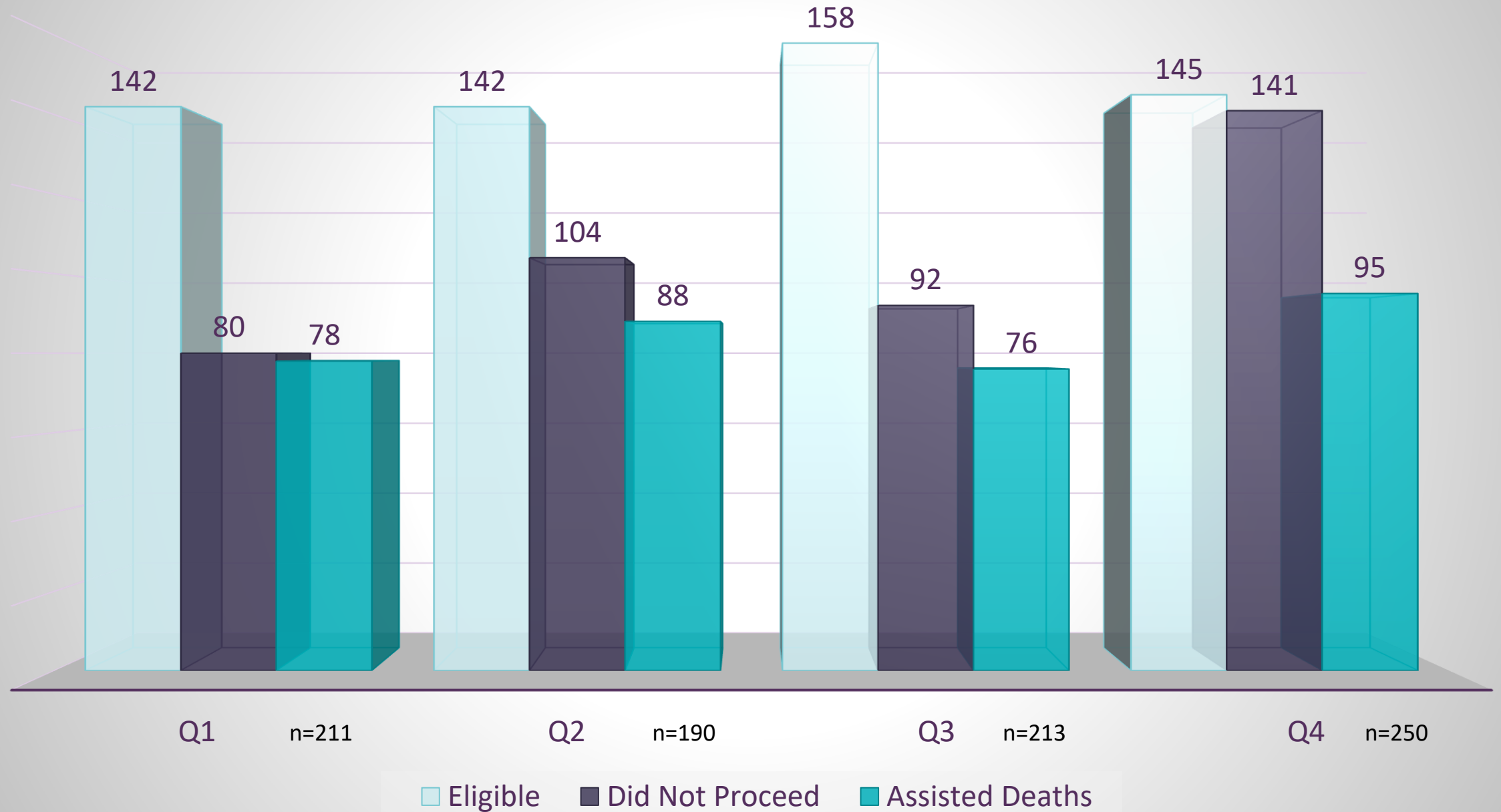
1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023



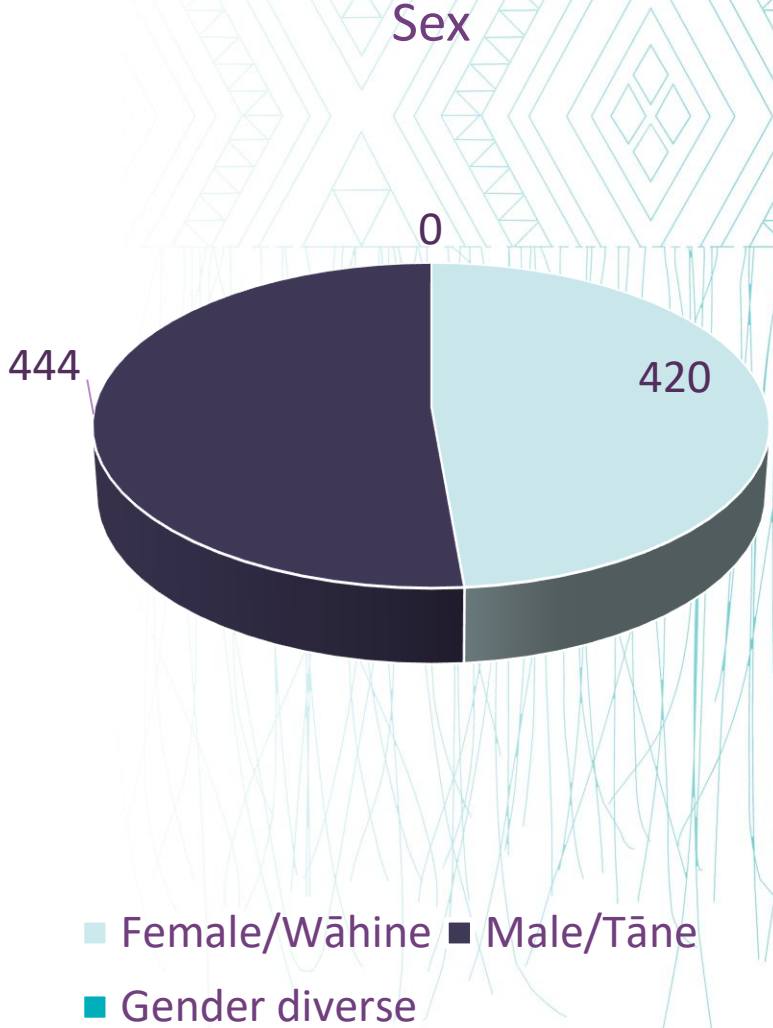
Applications by District

Region	Locations included	Number of applications	Percentage of total applications
Northern	Auckland	281	32.71%
	Northland	51	
Te Manawa Taki (Midland)	Bay of Plenty	109	24.14%
	Gisborne	6	
	Taranaki	21	
	Waikato	109	
Central	Hawke's Bay	43	19.9%
	Manawatu-Wanganui	38	
	Wellington	121	
Te Waipounamu (Southern)	Canterbury	107	23.25%
	Marlborough	15	
	Nelson	30	
	Otago	33	
	Southland	23	
	Tasman	13	
	West Coast	15	

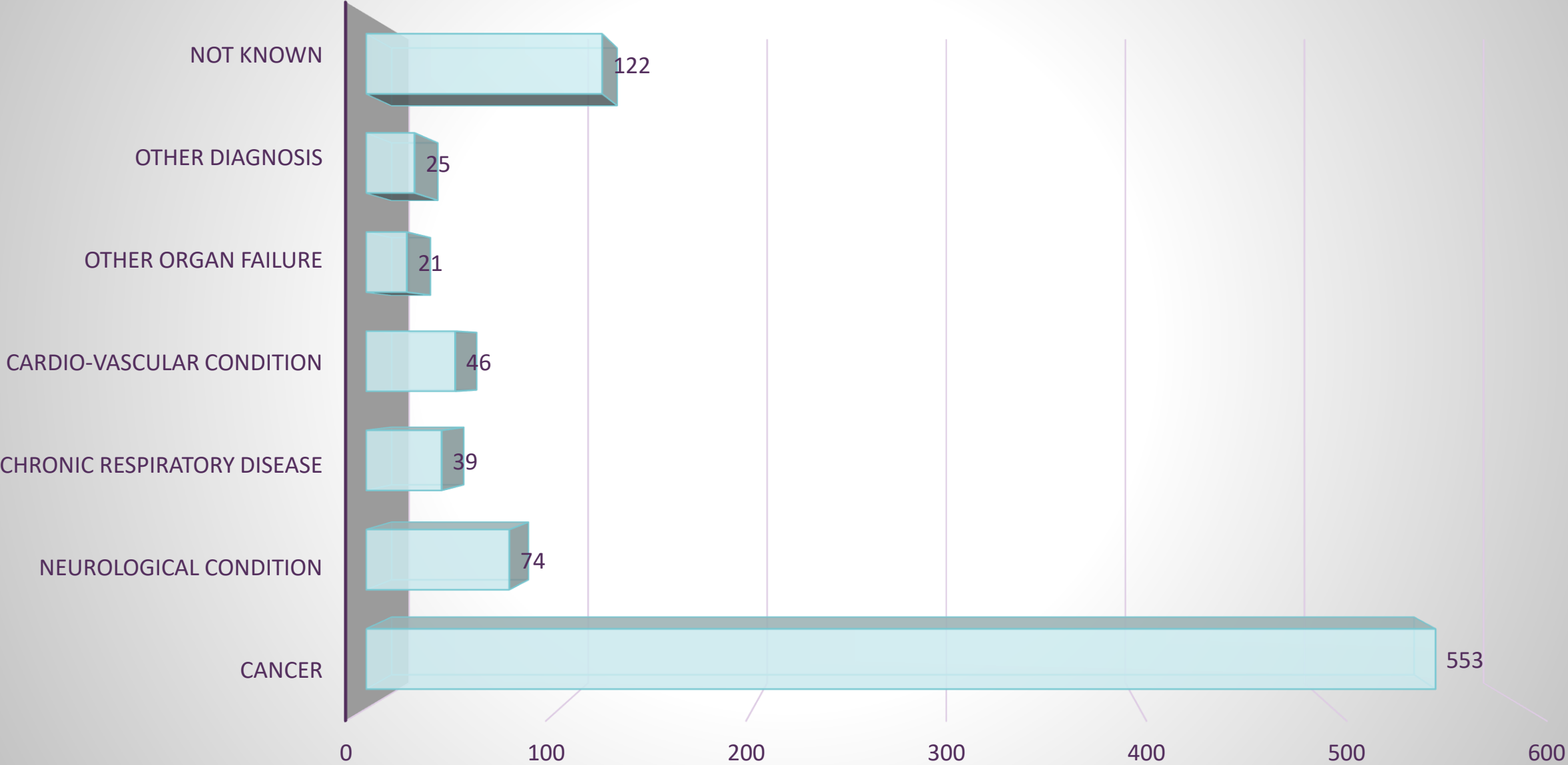
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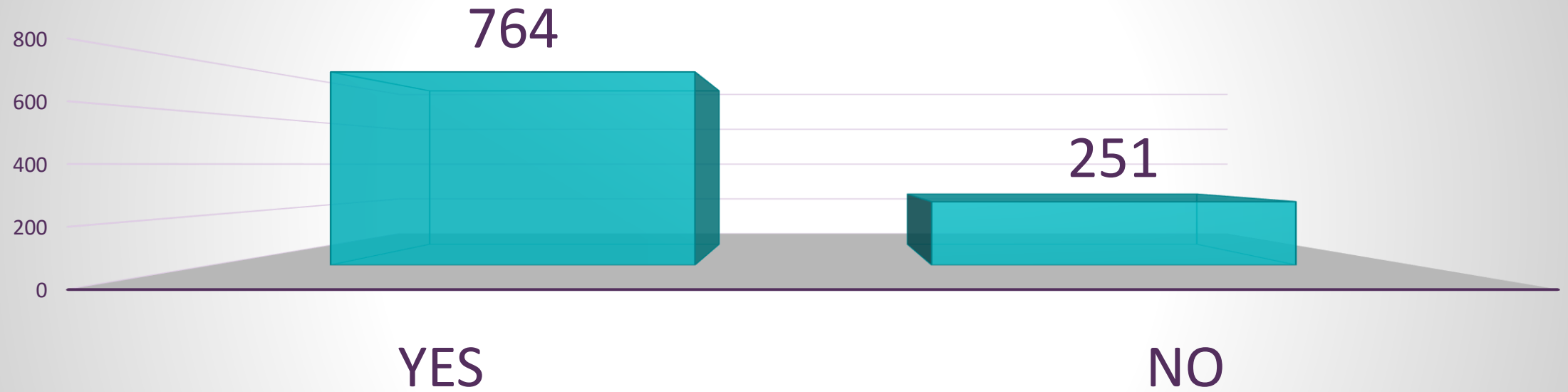
Demographic summary of new applications



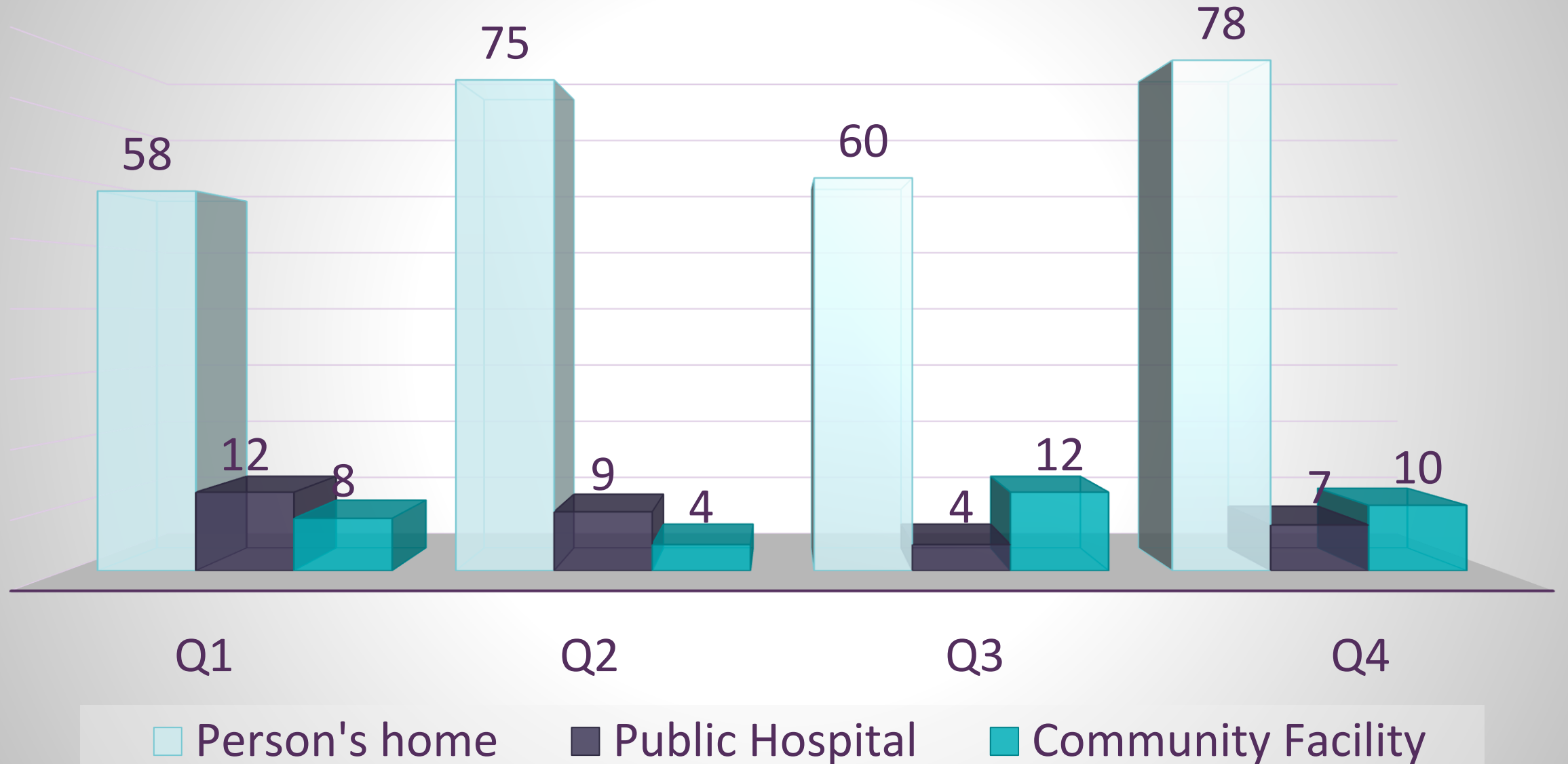
Diagnoses



Receiving palliative care at time of application



AD Locations



EOLC Act review 2019

The Ministry is reviewing the Act this year:

Details about the review, including the terms of reference are available on their website: [Review of the End of Life Choice Act | Ministry of Health NZ.](#)

Questions?

- **How aware are people in rural areas of Assisted dying services?**
- **How receptive are people in rural NZ to Assisted dying?**
- **What are barriers to access?**
- **How can access and awareness be increased?**
- **What are barriers and challenges for rural based GP's and Hospitals?**
- **How can we support better regional access and delivery?**

Questions?

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