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Question:

Supplementary to Additional Estimates Question on Notice to E12- 406, please provide details of exactly what training the DonateLife specialist hospital staff have received and when this occurred.

Answer:

Professional education and training is provided to DonateLife specialist hospital staff through the Professional Education Package (PEP). This package provides health professionals with specialist training to communicate with grieving families when discussing death and raising the opportunity for organ and tissue donation.

The PEP comprises three units of training:

- Unit 1 - Australasian Donor Awareness Program (ADAPT) Workshop (1 day) – provides introductory information about clinical aspects of donation and family communication;
- Unit 2 - Core Family Donation Conversation (FDC) Workshop (2 days) – more detailed theoretical information about acute grief and communicating with families to support an informed decision-making;
- Unit 3 - Practical FDC Workshop (1 day) – practical skills training to build on the core FDC workshop with opportunity to practise challenging scenarios in targeted role plays.

Delivery of the PEP training has occurred as follows:

- Unit 1 - ADAPT workshop - has been delivered extensively in Australia since 1994.
- Unit 2 - Core FDC workshop - commenced in March 2012 and has occurred in every jurisdiction with further workshops scheduled for 2013.
- Unit 3 Practical FDC workshop - commenced in August 2012 and by 30 November 2012 will have occurred in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Hobart and Darwin with other jurisdictions booking workshops for 2013.

As referred in Supplementary to Additional Estimates Question on Notice to E12- 406, all jurisdictions are funded by the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority to hold all three PEP workshops.