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## Camden Hospital improves palliative care experience

Patients, families and carers will soon benefit from refurbishments to the palliative care unit at Camden Hospital.

The quiet room at the Camden Hospital's 10-bed palliative care unit will be refurbished and new furniture for the outdoor garden space will be bought as part of a \$29,398 investment by the NSW Government.

South Western Sydney Local Health District Chief Executive Amanda Larkin said the refurbishment at Camden Hospital would help bring comfort to people at the end stages of life.

"Providing our patients and their families with the creature comforts of home is important, but this project will provide that special touch, adding to the wonderful care our palliative care team provides," Ms Larkin said.

This project is one of many across 34 palliative care facilities in NSW to be refurbished over the next two years, with planning underway for additional projects from 2021.

The NSW Government committed \$10 million in 2019 for palliative care facility refurbishments, as part of a \$45 million enhancement over four years for palliative care, announced in the 2019-20 NSW budget.

This funding is part of the \$10.1 billion the NSW Government is investing in health infrastructure over the next four years to upgrade and build 29 hospital and health facilities.

The NSW Government's 2019-20 Budget commitment also includes recruitment of 100 new palliative care nurses, more Aboriginal Health Workers, and support for digital health to improve access to palliative care. This is in addition to the \$100 million palliative care package announced in the 2017-18 Budget.