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Voluntary Assisted Dying Position Statement

ROSEWOOD CARE GROUP

Item 5.7 – Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Position Statement

Background

The position statement summarises Rosewood's policy and will be included on the revised website, in the resident Welcome Home booklet and in other relevant resources. It provides residents and prospective residents with clear information about Rosewood's position on voluntary assisted dying (VAD), aligned with Rosewood's obligations under the Aged Care Act 2024 and the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019 (WA).

Position Statement

At Rosewood, we respect the rights, values and choices of every resident, including an eligible resident's right to explore voluntary assisted dying (VAD). Our role is to ensure each person feels safe, respected and supported, whatever their decision. Rosewood responds sensitively and in accordance with the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019 (WA) and its responsibilities as an aged care provider. We will not influence or direct a resident's decision, participate in the VAD process, or manage, administer, store or dispose of any VAD substance.

Voluntary assisted dying is a lawful process available only to eligible people who meet the requirements of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019 (WA). Rosewood recognises that VAD discussions may arise during end-of-life care planning and will respond with compassion, neutrality and respect.

Rosewood's support is limited to responding respectfully to resident enquiries, helping residents access appropriate information and external health practitioners where required, and maintaining a safe, compassionate care environment. Staff will refer VAD enquiries through the appropriate internal pathway.

In all circumstances, Rosewood's commitment is to ensure every resident is treated with dignity, respect and compassion, regardless of the choices they make about their end-of-life care.

Next steps

Following endorsement by the Finance, Audit, Risk & Governance Committee, the VAD position statement will be added to the resources section of Rosewood's revised website. It will also be included in the resident Welcome Home booklet, currently under

development, and in other relevant information resources for residents and prospective residents. This work will be completed over the coming several weeks.