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Abstract	<p>It is well documented that people prefer to be cared for and die in their own home. However, literature from around the world indicates that few do so. Silver Chain in WA is recognised to have an exceptional rate of death at home for clients in the metropolitan Hospice Care service. Each month, more than 60% of clients die in their own home. Historically, the place of death has been regarded as a proxy for the client's preference for place of death. Over the last three years, this information has been collected electronically by clinicians using their smart phones and being sent directly to Silver Chain's client information system. Data from 2013 of 1,261 clients was analysed in 2014. At that time, 77% of clients whose choice it was to die in their home, achieved their choice and 70% of clients who wanted to die in an inpatient palliative care setting also were able to. At that time only 46% of clients who died had a recorded preference for place of death. The analysis also identified demographic, clinical and service factors that influenced whether clients achieve their choice of place of death. Increases in pain, fatigue and other symptoms decreased the odds of dying at home and factors such as hospital admissions, number of visits in the last week of life also influence whether clients die at home as was their choice. This presentation will update the 2014 results and describe the results of the analysis of the data collected to date.</p>