

BACKGROUND

- People with a primary brain tumour can experience personality and behaviour changes.
- Brain tumour related personality and behaviour changes (BTrPBc) are complex to manage.
- Informal carers require assistance to support patients with BTrPBc.

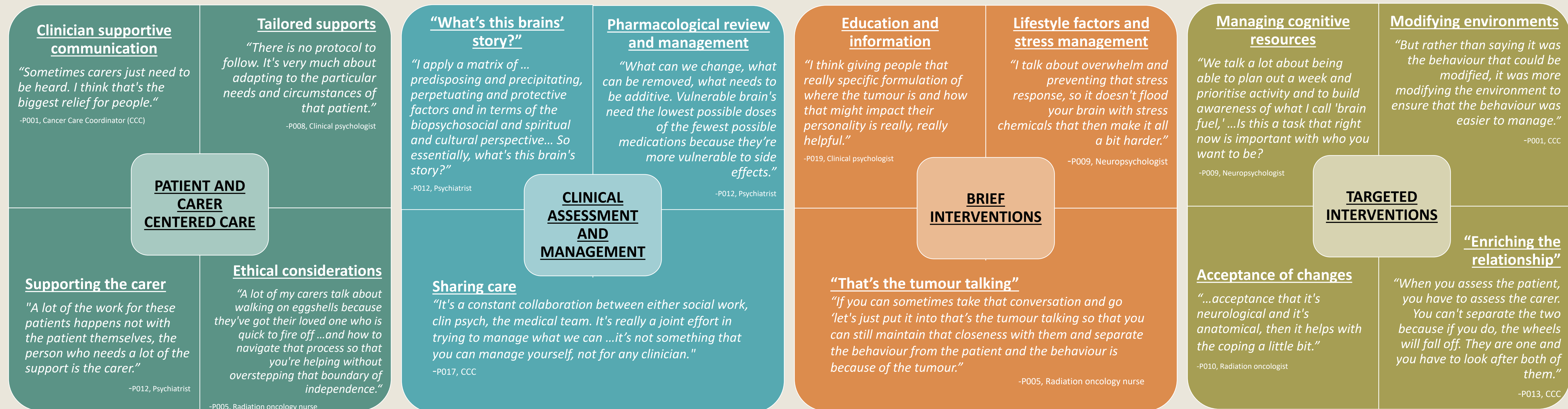
AIM

- To explore support neuro-oncology health professionals provide for the management of personality and behaviour changes in adults with a primary brain tumour.

METHODS

- Semi-structured interviews with n= 22 health professionals practicing in neuro-oncology across Australia
- Interviews were audio-recorded, transcribed, and analysed using thematic analysis.

RESULTS



CONCLUSION

- Interventions for BTrPBc should be formulation-led and tailored to support *both* the patient and the carer.
- Health professional initiated conversations about possible BTrPBc and supportive communication to normalise and validate patient and carer experience is important.
- Described interventions fit within a stepped care approach; however, further exploration in clinical practice and testing is needed to refine this proposed model.