



Regarding the development of the Palliative Care Modern Service Framework (MSF)

Dear Stephen Kinnock,

We welcome the government's plan for a Palliative and End of Life Care Modern Service Framework (MSF). We will be watching in expectation that the Framework addresses the inadequacy and inequality that patients and families experience of PEOLC in all settings.

Previous landmark frameworks and guidelines have recognised this unwarranted variation, sought to address it but ultimately failed to deliver a universal palliative care service. Lessons from these experiences need to be learned. Delivering fully funded, universal specialist palliative care services 24/7 will be the measure of success of this Framework. Anything less will set us back for another generation.

Key to this will be holding commissioners and service providers to account with an agreed set of publicly available metrics. The MSF will need the levers to shift funding from other parts of the NHS into palliative and end of life services to meet the growing needs of dying patients now and in the future. We also need the MSF to be ambitious in its delivery timescales.

The MSF is a once in a generation opportunity. High quality palliative care both improves care and saves the NHS money. The country cannot afford for this MSF to fail. Dying people cannot afford for it to fail.

For a more detailed outline of the above considerations from the Association for Palliative Medicine of Great Britain and Ireland (APM) please see [Here](#)

Sincerely,

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