

## Douglas Macmillan Hospice comments on the Government's response to the Review of Choice in End of Life Care

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Yesterday the Government published its response to the Review of Choice in End of Life Care, which sets out plans for improving end of life care throughout this Parliament.

Dr Claire Hookey, Medical Director at the Hospice said;

"Douglas Macmillan Hospice welcomes the commitment the government has made to ensure that everyone approaching the end of life will receive high quality care that reflects their individual needs, choices and preferences.

Douglas Macmillan Hospice has been providing high quality care for local people approaching the end of their lives for over 40 years. Over that time , the Hospice has developed both the range and the extent of services available , and now provides care to well over 2,000 people a year suffering from a range of life –limiting conditions including chronic heart and lung diseases , neurological conditions and cancer .

"We are incredibly grateful for the support of people across Stoke on Trent and North Staffordshire who share our commitment to providing excellent end of life care, who give money and volunteer their time to help us to do just that.

"The Hospice is pleased to see that the Government recognises the need for end of life care to be included within the transformation plans which are being made across health and social care, and recognises the contribution that hospices can make to improve end of life care in other health care settings.

"We look forward to work together with the Clinical Commissioning groups and other health and social care providers across the local area to support the work in this area which will be necessary to meet the commitments made by the government in this report."

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