

Paediatric Palliative Care

Respite services priorities

| Recommendation | DH / DHS lead agency |
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| Cancer and Palliative Care (C&PC) and Disability Services work together to implement the initiatives recommended | C&PC/Disability Services |
| *Develop and implement an information and education strategy for respite providers on the needs and requirements of families with children with a life threatening condition | C&PC/Disability Services |
| *Streamline processes for families by having a centralised point for information on available respite services, referral, case management and the development and provision of care plans and manuals | C&PC |
| Fund palliative care consortia to build relationships and referral pathways with disability and HACC services in order to facilitate flexible respite solutions | C&PC |
| *Provide additional funding to the Victorian Paediatric Palliative Care Program to enhance their education/training and clinical support role to local government and other respite providers | C&PC |
| *Explore options for the utilization of Very Special Kids organisational expertise in providing specialist respite for children with a life threatening condition to assist other respite providers to expand or extend their services. | C&PC/Disability Services |
| *Consider the provision of operational funding for Very Special Kids House and consult with parents regarding the model | C&PC/Disability Services |
| Review future needs for out of home respite in the northern and western suburbs | Disability Services |
| Review expenditure patterns and guidelines for the Flexible Support Fund managed by the Victorian Paediatric Palliative Care Program to determine future requirements | C&PC |
| Explore the possibility of establishing a statewide register/bank of nurses that could provide respite in-home and out of home where needed | C&PC |
| Provide funding in rural areas to support innovative occasional out of home respite services | C&PC/Disability Services |
| Develop protocols to enable regional families to access the closest available service | C&PC/Disability Services |
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| Establish a high level Committee with representation from key stakeholders including Disability Services, C&PC, HACC, the Australian Nursing Federation and the Municipal Association of Victoria to examine barriers and develop solutions to | C&PC |

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| overcome issues restricting the provision of respite to families of children with a life-threatening condition | |
| Maintain and further develop service maps to enable a greater understanding of availability and requirements | Disability Services |

* full / partial implementation dependent on obtaining additional funding