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TO Chief Executives - SCHN and HNELHD
CC Nominated planning leads
FROM Deb Willcox AM, Deputy Secretary, Health System Strategy and Patient Experience
TEL
SUBJECT World Class End of Life Care commitment - 2023-24 Service Agreement - Enhancing End of Life Care Paediatrics 2 allocations

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In the 2023-24 State Budget, the NSW Government affirmed its commitment to ongoing investment to ensure that people across NSW have access to high quality end of life and palliative care they need.

The World Class End of Life Care (WCEoLC) commitment will deliver \$401 million over four years (2023-24 to 2026-27). \$93 million is also provided for capital investment to redevelop and refurbish NSW Health facilities. The Government has confirmed that as part of this commitment it will also boost paediatric hospice and palliative respite support. This planning process will be managed separately in consultation with SCHN, HNELHD and other key stakeholders.

I am now able to confirm the next allocation under this commitment for the Paediatric Palliative Care Programme at SCHN and HNELHD. The 2023-24 Service Agreement includes annualised funding for:

- HNELHD only: Enhancing End of Life Care (EEOLC) - Paediatrics 1 - this is confirmation of annualised funding as per budget supplementation provided in November 2022 (H22/79813)
- SCHN and HNELHD: EEOLC - Paediatrics 2 - this is the next annualised allocation under the commitment.

The Service Agreement also includes funding for adult end of life and palliative care and Pain Management services under the WCEoLC commitment. Separate communications will be sent about these, as applicable.

Please see Appendix 1 below for a full funding summary for your organisation for the Paediatric Palliative Care Programme. Further allocations under the WCEoLC commitment in 2025-26 and 2026-27 will be communicated with upcoming Service Agreements. Provision of any future allocations will also be dependent on satisfactory evidence of implementation for this commitment. The funding split between SCHN and HNELHD will be agreed following completion of revised planning as required.

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In regard to paediatric palliative care funding, SCHN and HNELHD will have an opportunity to review planning, using the same planning template as previously submitted. A revised plan should be re-submitted to by 29 February 2024. All planning and guideline documents are available on the Sharepoint site for this initiative.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and work to enhance end of life and palliative care across NSW for children and their families. If you would like to discuss this memo, please contact Hebe Thomas, Principal Policy Officer, Community Care and Priority Populations at

Yours Sincerely

Deb Willcox AM
Deputy Secretary, Health System Strategy and Patient Experience

Appendix 1: World Class End of Life Care funding summary
Project Code: P10306

Allocation (\$m)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Annualised
SCHN - Paediatric Palliative Care Program				
EEOLC - Paediatrics 1 (2022-23 SA)	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
EEOLC - Paediatrics 2 (2023-24 SA)	-	0.75	1.1	1.1
TOTAL	0.6	1.35	1.7	1.7
Hunter New England LHD - Paediatric Palliative Care Program				
EEOLC - Paediatrics 1 (Supp Nov 2022, & 2023-24 SA)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
EEOLC - Paediatrics 2 (2023-24 SA)	-	0.25	0.46	0.46
TOTAL	0.4	0.65	0.86	0.86

Note: Further future funding to be confirmed subject to satisfactory evidence of implementation of WCEoLC funds. This will be advised in future Service Agreements.

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