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**Sue Ryder positioning statement:
Macmillan Cancer Support report on economic case for Free Social Care**

Mike Smeeton, Director of health and social care, Sue Ryder, commented: "As part of a coalition of charities, including Macmillan Cancer Support, campaigning for free and fast access to social care at the end of life, Sue Ryder welcomes Macmillan's latest report.

The report highlights the need for investment in community based end of life care to ensure more people receive the care and support they want outside of hospital when they are dying. We believe that this choice should be accessible to everyone, no matter what medical condition they may have.

Macmillan's research also complements a jointly funded report that we have recently undertaken with Macmillan and the Motor Neurone Disease Association, which looks at how social care is being provided at no cost to those dying, their families and carers in some local areas. This report highlights why free social care for everyone at the end of life is so important and how it can transform people's lives.

The moral argument to implement free and fast access to social care at the end of life for everyone is clear and we are pleased Macmillan's report has helped to strengthen the case by highlighting potential available resources needed to make it a reality for everyone."

The Sue Ryder, Macmillan Cancer Support and the Motor Neurone's Disease Association's official report is available to [read here](#).

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