To be eligible for our support a child must be:

- Living in Jersey
- Any age from birth up to 18 years old (this includes babies diagnosed during the antenatal period)
- Have a condition that falls into one of the following four categories as defined by Together for Short Lives (TfSL):
  
  - **Category 1: Life threatening conditions for which curative treatment may be feasible but can fail.**
    Access to palliative care services may be necessary when treatment fails or during an acute crisis, irrespective of the duration of threat to life. On reaching long term remission or following successful curative treatment there is no longer a need for palliative care services. *Examples: cancer, irreversible organ failures of heart, liver, kidney.*
  
  - **Category 2: Conditions where premature death is inevitable.**
    There may be long periods of intensive treatment aimed at prolonging life and allowing participation in normal activities. *Examples: cystic fibrosis, duchenne muscular dystrophy.*
  
  - **Category 3: Progressive conditions without curative treatment options.**
    Treatment is exclusively palliative and may commonly extend over many years. *Examples: batten disease, mucopolysaccharidoses.*
  
  - **Category 4: Irreversible but non-progressive conditions causing severe disability, leading to susceptibility to health complications and likelihood of premature death.**
    *Examples: severe cerebral palsy, multiple disabilities, such as following brain or spinal cord injury, complex health care needs, high risk of an unpredictable life threatening event or episode.*

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1 Together for Short Lives is the UK charity for children’s palliative care. They look to support and empower families caring for seriously ill children, and to build a strong and sustainable children’s palliative care sector – so that no family is left behind.