

COSA Additional Criteria - Paediatric

Quick Reference Guide

Following the documentation of the **Comfort Observation and Symptom Assessment (COSA)**, a **Symptom Rating** will be calculated, and an alert may populate on the user's screen.

The clinician will be able to navigate to **Additional Criteria**; a button on the **Managing Deterioration Page** that provides the clinician with required actions and additional information in regard to symptom management.

It prompts the clinician on the correct path of escalation dictated by the symptom rating of the patient.

To review the **Additional Criteria** for a patient that is prescribed a **COSA Specialty Chart**:

1. Navigate to the top right-hand corner and select the **Additional Criteria** button in the **Managing Deterioration** page.
2. The **Additional Criteria** fly-out window appears.

3. Clinicians are prompted: **For escalation guidance select one of the following:** by selecting one of the options, it will populate the **Escalation and Action** requirements.
4. For **COSA Escalation** click the hyperlink for **Paediatric COSA Escalation Required**.

Select COSA Escalation:

[Adult COSA Escalation Required](#)

[Paediatric COSA Escalation Required](#)

5. The **Paediatric COSA Escalation** table populates on the left-hand side.

6. Clinicians will navigate the relevant section for the relating Symptom Rating and follow the instructions.
7. **DO NOT MINIMISE** the **Additional Criteria** window; this will minimise the patient's chart.
8. Click the **X** in the top right-hand corner to return to **Managing Deterioration**.

In addition to the **Escalation Required**, the **Additional Criteria** page also contains **Paediatric COSA Actions Management** and **Paediatric COSA Additional Instructions**.

To access the **Paediatric COSA Actions Management** and **Additional Instructions**:

1. Navigate to the top right-hand corner and select the **Additional Criteria** button in the **Managing Deterioration** page.
2. The **Additional Criteria** fly-out window appears.
3. Clinicians are prompted: **For escalation guidance select one of the following:** by selecting one of the options it will populate the **Escalation and Action** requirements.

4. Click the hyperlink for the **Paediatric COSA Actions Management**.

5. The **Paediatric COSA Actions Management** table populates on the left-hand side. This details strategies to consider for symptom and comfort management.

6. Click the hyperlink for the **Paediatric COSA Additional Instructions**.

7. The **Paediatric COSA Additional Instructions** table populates on the left-hand side. This details strategies to consider for psychosocial care for the child/young person and their family, including memory making and understanding the physical process of dying.

8. **DO NOT MINIMISE** the **Additional Criteria** window; this will minimise the patient's chart.
9. Click the **X** in the top right-hand corner to return to **Managing Deterioration**.
10. For patients over 16 years of age, who are using the Palliative Care COSA – Adult Specialty Chart, clinicians can access either the adult or paediatric Additional Chart Information for action and management strategies.