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[C] Information and support	1.1	What information and support is valued by adults with suspected or confirmed spinal metastases, direct malignant infiltration of the spine, or associated spinal cord compression, and by their families and carers?
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