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Dear Tina,

Re: Request for information under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

NHS Devon is confirming in accordance with Section - (1) (a) of the Act, whether it holds the information requested and (b) is supplying it unless otherwise specified.

NHS Devon can confirm it holds part of the requested information.

The information held and supplied is seen overleaf.

You requested the following information.

Freedom of information request of integrated care boards in England

The questions below which I would like you to answer are designed to help me understand:

- how much money your integrated care board (ICB) spent on hospice services for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions in 2022/23
- how many children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions in your ICB footprint accessed hospice care during 2022/23
- how much money your integrated care board (ICB) plans to spend on hospice services for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions during 2023/24.

In order to help you meet my request, I provide definitions to the terms I use in my questions below:

Life-limiting and life-threatening conditions

“Life-limiting conditions are those for which there is no reasonable hope of cure and from which children will die. Some of these conditions cause slow deterioration over time rendering the child increasingly dependent on parents and carers.

Life-threatening conditions are those for which curative treatment may be feasible but can fail, such as cancer.”

Children and young people

Babies, children and young people aged 0-25.

My questions

- 1. Please set out how much money your integrated care board spent on hospice care for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per children’s hospice organisation.**

We gave Children’s Hospice South West a grant totalling £290k paid quarterly between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 to be spent on hospice services for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions.

This hospice expenditure is a grant and a contribution towards running their services and we do not receive any activity data.

- 2. Please set out how many children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions who live in your integrated care board footprint accessed hospice care between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per hospice organisation.**

NHS Devon does not hold this information.

- 3. Please set out how many children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions who live in your integrated care board footprint could benefit from children’s hospice care.**

NHS Devon does not hold this information.

- 4. Please set out how much money your integrated care board plans to spend on hospice care for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions between 6 April 2022 and 5**

April 2023. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per hospice organisation.

We have interpreted the financial year as between 6 April 2023 and 5 April 2024, in which case the annual grant paid to Children's Hospice South West will be an amount of £298k.

Satisfaction

We trust this matter has been dealt with to your satisfaction but if there is anything you need clarifying, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 01392 205205 or emailing d-icb.foi@nhs.net Please remember to quote the reference number at the top of this letter in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision or make a complaint, you can write to the office and arrangements will be made for an independent review. You can write directly to the NHS Devon Chief Executive Officer if you prefer using the "contact us" details displayed on the NHS Devon website.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the independent review, you have the right to appeal again to the Information Commissioner at:
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 700
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Yours sincerely,

**The Freedom of Information Office
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