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Dear Ms Ahang and Mr Cooper

### **Freedom of Information Request (FOI-ICB 273)**

Thank you for your request dated 2 May 2023 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Having reviewed and considered your request, I am able to confirm that under section 1(1) (a) of the Act, NHS Somerset holds the requested information, in part, and (b), we are providing our response as follows.

You requested the following information:

**Question 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.**

Our contract with Children's Hospice South West for 2022/23 was £169,602.

**Question 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.**

We are not able to provide a response to the first part of this question. The information that we hold does not include the number of children accessing hospice services.

We have a block contract with Children's Hospice South West and are unable to provide a breakdown of funding per hospice organisation.

**Question 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.**

We currently have 72 children and young people on the Somerset children's palliative care caseload. All have life-limiting or life-threatening conditions and are eligible for hospice care if they choose to accept it. All of these children and young people meet the nationally recognised Together for Short Lives criteria for children's palliative care.

**Question 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.**

Please see our response to Question 1.

## **Appeal**

If you have any further queries, require any clarification, or have any concerns regarding the way in which your request has been handled and/or to request an internal review, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you remain dissatisfied, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner under section 50 of the Act.

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Yours sincerely

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