

South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
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Date: 30 May 2023

Dear Enquirer

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 2 May 2023.

NHS Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield CCGs were statutory organisations between 1 April 2013 and 30 June 2022. From 1 July 2022 all statutory duties have been transitioned into the NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB).

Please see below your original questions, followed with our responses in the table below.

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.

Q1	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.
Response 1	Barnsley Place The grant contribution in 2022/23 was £33,260 with Bluebell Wood Hospice. Doncaster Place The grant agreement for £27k for 2022/23 with Bluebell Wood Hospice. Rotherham Place There was no payment on hospice care for children from Rotherham Place during this period. Sheffield Place Funding is specifically in relation to Children and Young Peoples hospices. This does not include funding relating to adults hospices where there may be some young people who receive care as we are unable to separately identify this. Sheffield place total to Bluebell Wood was £30,750.
Q2	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.
Response 2	We can confirm that we do not hold the information. You may wish to please contact Bluebell Wood directly: https://www.bluebellwood.org/contact-us .
Q3	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.
Response 3	We can confirm that we do not hold the information. You may wish to please contact Bluebell Wood directly: https://www.bluebellwood.org/contact-us .
Q4	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 2023 and 5 April 2024. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per hospice organisation.
Response 4	Barnsley Place The grant contribution in 2023/24 was £33,260 with Bluebell Wood Hospice.

	<p>Doncaster Place We do not have a grant agreement in place at this point for 2023/24.</p> <p>Rotherham Place There is no planned spend on hospice care for children from Rotherham Place during this period.</p> <p>Sheffield Place There will be a small increase to reflect NHS inflationary funding in relation to ongoing grants. The final funding from NHSE and the splits by organisation have not yet been finalised so we are unable to provide a breakdown.</p>
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If you are dissatisfied with this response or wish for an internal review, please write to our Director of Corporate Governance at syicb-sheffield.icbcomplaints@nhs.net. It would be helpful if you could quote our reference number in any communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, with regards to this Freedom of Information request, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner will not investigate your case unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

ICB FOI Coordinator