



Surrey Heartlands

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Via email

Dear Applicant,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Board.

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 2 May 2023 for information held by NHS Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Board under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please note that Clinical Commissioning Groups ceased to exist on 30 June 2022. Services that were previously delivered by the CCG are now being delivered by the successor organisation NHS Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Board.

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request

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**



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- 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.

Information provided is for 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

Total spend £68,320

One hospice – Shooting Star Chase

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 Surrey Heartlands ICB do not hold the information requested. Shooting Star Chase may be able to assist further: hello@shootingstar.org.uk

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 do 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.

The ICB does not set budget in such a granular detail to be able to confirm how much will be spent on this service in 2023-24, we have budgeted £68,320 for 2023-24, please note this



figure may change. However, given the nature of the service the ICB will meet the needs of its population as required.

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The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

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or www.ico.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely

Freedom Of Information Officer



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