

Suffolk and North East Essex ICB

Freedom of Information Act

I write further to your e-mail of 2 May 2023 regarding information held by Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board. Your request has been dealt with in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In response to your request,

We only hold data for North East Essex and only for the last 2 months. This amounts to very small numbers which we would apply an exemption (section 40, see below). We have no data for Suffolk.

Section 40

Under section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a public authority does not have to provide information where that information is considered personal information under the Data Protection Act 2018. We believe that, because of the low number of patients involved and the potential for them to be identified when combined with other available information, the information you have requested falls into this category, and therefore will not be supplying this as a result. The actual figure has been replaced with <5.

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 **N/A**
- how many children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions in your ICB footprint accessed hospice care during 2022/23 **<5**
- 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. **N/A**

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. **No 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. **<5**
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. **<5**
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. **No data.**

If you require further information about your request, please contact me at the address below.

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I hope that we have been able to answer your enquiry to your satisfaction and that you find the information provided useful.

Yours sincerely

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