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Date: 15 March 2020

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE**

Dear Sir / Madam,

### **FOI Reference Number: 1374**

I refer to your email of 15 February 2021 requesting information in respect of Children's Palliative care.

I can confirm on behalf of Derby and Derbyshire CCG, and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold the information that you have requested but we are unable to release it at this time. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

### **Our response:**

1. Do you have a children's palliative care service specification? (Yes/No). If so, please attach a copy to your response to this request.  
NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG are currently developing a new specification which has yet to be agreed and therefore is unable to be shared at this time. Once contract arrangements and organisational escalation under COVID changes we will finalise the agreement and transact the specification. Under current NHSE Guidance the contractual arrangements have been suspended until the end of Q1` and further guidance is awaited from the NHSE. There are currently no particulars in place for 20/21 and Q1 21/22. In the absence of these we are unable to transact a contract variation.
2. Do you have a children's palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people with a life-limiting condition and their parents or carers should have opportunities to be involved in developing an advance care plan? (Yes/No)  
Our proposed specification includes this.
3. Do you have a children's palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people with a life-limiting condition should have a named medical specialist who leads and coordinates their care? (Yes/No)  
Our proposed specification includes this.
4. Do you have a children's palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people with a life-limiting condition and their parents or carers should be given information about emotional and psychological support, including how to access it? (Yes/No)  
Our proposed specification includes this.

5. Do you have a children's palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people with a life-limiting condition should be cared for by a multidisciplinary team that includes members of the specialist paediatric palliative care team? (Yes/No)  
Our proposed specification includes this.
6. Do you have a children's palliative care service specification which states that parents or carers of infants, children and young people approaching the end of life should be offered support for grief and loss when their child is nearing the end of their life and after their death? (Yes/No)  
Our proposed specification includes this.
7. Do you have a children's palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people approaching the end of life and being cared for at home should have 24-hour access to both children's nursing care and advice from a consultant in paediatric palliative care? (Yes/No)  
Our proposed specification includes this.
8. Do you have a children's palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people with a life-limiting condition and their families should have access regular short breaks for respite? (Yes/No)  
Our proposed specification includes this.

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG  
FOI Team  
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Or:

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If you are not content with the outcome of our review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the CCG.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, telephone 0303 123 1113, email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,

**Leni Robson**  
**FOI Officer**  
**Derby and Derbyshire CCG**

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