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Freedom of Information request: 20210215-2

Dear Dan Steer

Thank you for your request for information dated 15 February 2021. Your request has been managed under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

- 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.
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)

- 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)
- 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)

Response

Please find answers to your questions below, for both the Birmingham and Solihull areas which are currently commissioned and operate separately.

Also, please note, that a range of children's community services specifications (including children's community nursing) were due to be reviewed in 2020, however, this was placed on hold due to covid-19 response work).

- 1) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG do hold the information**
No specific children's palliative care specification. Palliative and end of life care provision is covered within the Children's Community Nursing Service Specification with some elements included in Integrated Paediatric palliative care team and complex care teams, therefore, responses to the below questions are based on the information being included in these specifications and not a specific children's palliative care service specification.
- 2) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG do hold the information requested**
Yes.
- 3) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG do hold the information requested**
No. Birmingham has a Palliative Care Consultant linked to Acorns.
- 4) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG do hold the information requested**
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- 7) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG do hold the information requested**
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- 8) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG do hold the information requested**
Yes.

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Yours sincerely,

CCG FOI Team

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