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Dear James

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

NHS Bradford District and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is pleased to respond to your request for information and our response is set out below.

Request / 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.

No. The CCG makes a grant contribution to Martin House (<https://www.martinhouse.org.uk/>) who provide Palliative Care & End of Life for children and young people including in hospice care, outreach and access to medical support and guidance. We are engaged in work at an Integrated Care Systems (ICS), level to develop a consistent approach to the commissioning of palliative care provision for children and young people which includes a service specification. Additionally, whilst not palliative care specific, our specifications for children's community nursing support include end of life support for children and young people.

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)

No. Whilst not palliative care specific, our specifications for children's community nursing support include a requirement for services to support families to make informed choices in care planning.

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)

No. However, all children with a life limiting condition will have a care plan which identifies their lead clinician who will be part of a multi-disciplinary approach to the delivery of care.

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)

No. However, children, young people and their families will be signposted to appropriate emotional and psychological support services.

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)

No. However, all children and families will receive care from a multi-disciplinary team which includes members of the system paediatric palliative care team

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)

No. However, all children, young people and families will be signposted to appropriate grief and loss support.

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)

No. However, all children with an assessed continuing care need will have access to 24 hour support from the children's community nursing team who can access consultant level advice from Martin House.

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)

No. However, all children who meet the continuing care criteria for additional support will have access to appropriate levels of support to provide respite for the child, young person or their carer.

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Yours sincerely

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