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Dear Dr Caroline Johnson, MP/Siobhain McDonagh, MP/James Cooper,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Children's Palliative Care Service Specification**

Thank you for your information request indicated in bold below, which has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by NHS Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). I am able to provide you with the following information and responses.

Please note from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG, NHS South Cheshire CCG, NHS Vale Royal CCG and NHS West Cheshire CCG merged to form NHS Cheshire CCG.

**You asked:**

**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.**

**Our response:**

1) Please find enclosed a copy of NHS Cheshire CCG's '*Children's Hospice at Home Rapid Response Service Specification*' which details the service specification for children's palliative care. Please note that information detailing the names of individuals have been redacted from this document as this is considered to constitute 'personal information' under the Data Protection Act.

**You asked:**

**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 response:

2) Yes.

You asked:

**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 response:

3) Yes.

You asked:

**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 response:

4) Yes.

You asked:

**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 response:

5) Yes.

You asked:

**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 response:

6) Yes.

You asked:

**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 response:

7) Yes.

You asked:

**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 response:

8) Yes.

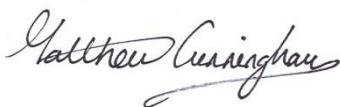
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Yours sincerely



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