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Dear Dan,

Re: Request for information under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

The CCG is confirming in accordance with Section - (1) (a) of the Act, whether it holds the information requested and (b) is supplying it unless otherwise specified.

I can confirm that NHS Devon CCG holds the requested information.

The information held covers the geographical areas of Devon, Torbay and Plymouth.

Devon

The answers for Devon and Torbay are yes to all the questions and attached with this letter is the specification and hospice agreement. Please note that this is under review.


Plymouth

For Plymouth (western Devon) please see the responses below.

You requested the following information.

- 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.**

The service specification is under review. University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust Community Nursing Team provide palliative care services from within their generic children's nursing provision. All families have a named Community Care Nurse (CCN) and consultant who work together. Families are offered choices about the End of Life care for their child working alongside the Hospice.



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)**

All named CCNs for families work with the consultants to develop the families Advance Care Planning with them.

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)**

All children and young people have a named medical specialist.

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)**

Families are offered support by the hospice and psychologist within the paediatric service.

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)**

There isn't a specialist paediatric palliative care team but the CCNs are part of the South West palliative care forum. There is a named nurse within the CCN team for palliative care and there are identified consultants within the oncology service who take on the role.

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)**

Families are offered support usually from Hospice South West, psychology and referred to other agencies as needed.

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)

Families that choose not to use the hospice have a core team of nurses who will provide on call and weekend cover outside of normal work hours.

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)

Within the community nursing team there is a service that offers families respite breaks within their home, and we also work closely within the multiagency team to ensure that continuing care funding and social care funding meet their needs.

Satisfaction

I trust this matter has been dealt with to your satisfaction but if there is anything which you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 01392 205205 or by email at d-ccg.foi@nhs.net Please remember to quote the reference number at the top of this letter in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you can write to the office and arrangements will be made for an independent review. You of course can write directly to the CCG Accountable Officer if you prefer using the "contact us" details displayed on the CCG website.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the appeal, you have the right to appeal again to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 700

Fax: 01625 524 510

Yours sincerely,

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