Dear Mx Steer,

Further to your FOI request regarding Children's Palliative Care Services which we received on 15th February 2021, I can confirm that East Berkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) hold 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. Yes, please see attached.**

**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) Yes**

**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, not in the specification but, the named paediatrician would be involved and supported by the multi-disciplinary team (MDT) which has consultant paediatricians experienced in palliative and end of life care for children.**

**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**

**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) Yes**

**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**

**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) Yes**

**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**

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Yours sincerely,

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