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Dear Mr Steer

**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-1583-BWD**

Thank you for your request dated 2 March 2021.

We can confirm that the CCG does hold of the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	Your Question:  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:  <b>No The CCG don't have a children's palliative care service specification, however, they have a Children's Palliative Care Strategy which has been developed across Lancashire and South Cumbria. This is currently in draft form and cannot be shared at this time.</b>
Q2	Your Question:  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:  <b>No – though this is reflected in the strategy.</b>

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Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>No – though this is reflected in the strategy.</b></p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>No – though this is reflected in the strategy.</b></p>
Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>No – though this is reflected in the strategy.</b></p>
Q6	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>No – though this is reflected in the strategy.</b></p>
Q7	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>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)</p>

	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>No – though this is reflected in the strategy.</b></p>
Q8	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>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)</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>No – though this is reflected in the strategy.</b></p>

Question No.	Reason for exemption
1	Please be advised that under S22 of the Freedom of Information Act – The NHS Blackburn with Darwen CCG, are not required to provide information that is intended for future publication.

### **Right of Appeal**

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

### **To request an internal review**

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If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the CCGs FOI complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliff House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely



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