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

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

We are pleased to respond to your request for information and our response is set out below for both Greater Huddersfield and North Kirklees CCGs.

#### **Request**

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.
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)
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)
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)
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)
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)

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)
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)

## **Response**

The answer to all of the questions is no. The CCGs do not have a local specification which addresses these issues. We follow National guidance and provide for individual cases based on individual needs.

I trust that this information answers your original request. However if you are not happy with our response or the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of our decision you should write to the Head of Corporate Governance, Greater Huddersfield Clinical Commissioning Group, Floor 2, Norwich Union House, Market Street, Huddersfield, HD1 2LF, quoting the reference number above.

If you are not content with the outcome of the complaint or internal review with regards to this Freedom of Information request, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. The Information Commissioner will not investigate your case unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

## **Re-Use of Public Sector Information**

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Yours sincerely

FOI Team