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Dear Mr Steer

**Re: Freedom of Information request**

Reference: FOI.20.NCL222

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Thank you for your request under the *Freedom of Information Act 2000* (the Act). This response is provided on behalf of NHS North Central London Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Your request along with the CCG's response is detailed below.

- 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.**

Barnet Enfield	No
Camden Haringey Islington	Yes. There is a joint Camden, Haringey and Islington Palliative Care service known as Life Force. The combined Life Force specification for Camden, Haringey and Islington sits within a specification for the Islington Community Nursing service.  Please find the attached document, Annex A.

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)

Barnet Enfield	No. This is incorporated into the Continuing care review process.
Camden Haringey Islington	Yes. It does not specifically mention an advanced care plan, but it does mention care planning.

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)

Barnet	No. Barnet children are supported by Great Ormond Street Hospital Symptom Care Team and Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.
Enfield	No. Use is made of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice for respite care.
Camden Haringey Islington	No. This is not written in the specification. But they will have a named medical specialist, whether this is a Community Paediatrician, Palliative Care Consultant or an Acute Paediatrician.

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)

Barnet Enfield	No. This is incorporated into the Continuing care review process.
Camden Haringey Islington	No. This is not written in the specification. But there is a Psychologist as part of the service, who provides this for our families.

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)

Barnet, Enfield	No
Camden, Haringey, Islington	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)

Barnet, Enfield	No
Camden, Haringey, Islington	Yes

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)

Barnet, Enfield	No
Camden Haringey Islington	No. This is not written into the specification, but 24-hour support is offered by nurses during the day and symptom management support is available over the phone at night. If a nurse is needed in the home overnight, we can use a local hospice or commission through our continuing care routes, if eligible.

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)

Barnet	No. Referral is made to Noah Ark Children's Hospice.
Enfield	No
Camden, Haringey, Islington	Yes

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Yours sincerely

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