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Dear Mr Steer

### Freedom of Information Request (FOI 2127)

Thank you for your request dated 15 February 2021 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Having reviewed and considered your request, I am able to confirm that under section 1(1) (a) of the Act, Somerset CCG holds the requested information, and (b), we are providing our response as follows.

You requested the following information:

**Question 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.**

Please see attached the children's palliative care service specification.

**Question 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, please see section 4.5 of the specification.

**Question 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.

**Question 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)**

Yes, please see section 4.9 of our attached policy on wellbeing and psychology.

**Question 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, please refer to the service specification.

**Question 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)**

Yes, please see section 4.9 of the specification.

**Question 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, please refer to the service specification.

**Question 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)**

Yes, please see section 4.13 of the service specification.

If you have any further queries, require any clarification, or have any concerns regarding the way in which your request has been handled and/or to request an internal review, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**James Rimmer**  
**Chief Executive**



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