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Dear Mr Steer

Re: Freedom of Information request

Reference: FOI.20.SEL240

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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 South East 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.

Bexley	Yes. Please find the attached specification, Annex A, which is due to be revised shortly.
Greenwich	No. Greenwich commissions Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust to provide a palliative care service, as part of the Community contract.
Bromley Lambeth Lewisham Southwark	No

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)

Bexley	No. However, the specification does refer to supporting choice in terms of End-of-Life care (EOLC).
Bromley	Not an overall specification. Services are purchased on an individual basis tailored to the need of each child and young person.
Greenwich	Information not held.
Lambeth Lewisham Southwark	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)

Bexley	No. It does however refer to access to 24/7 care, treatment and support.
Bromley	Not an overall specification. Services are purchased on an individual basis tailored to the need of each child and young person.
Greenwich	Information not held.
Lambeth Lewisham Southwark	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)

Bexley	Yes.
Bromley	Not an overall specification. Services are purchased on an individual basis tailored to the need of each child and young person.

Greenwich	Information not held.
Lambeth Lewisham Southwark	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)

Bexley	No. It does however refer to access to 24/7 care, treatment and support.
Bromley	Not an overall specification. Services are purchased on an individual basis tailored to the need of each child and young person.
Greenwich	Information not held.
Lambeth Lewisham Southwark	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)

Bexley	Yes.
Bromley	Not an overall specification. Services are purchased on an individual basis tailored to the need of each child and young person.
Greenwich	Information not held.
Lambeth Lewisham Southwark	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)

Bexley	No. It does however refer to access to 24/7 care, treatment and support.
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Bromley	Not an overall specification. Services are purchased on an individual basis tailored to the need of each child and young person.
Greenwich	This is not stated in the specification, but Greenwich does provide 24-hour access.
Lambeth Lewisham Southwark	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)

Bexley	No. This service does, however, offer respite in the family home.
Bromley	Not an overall specification. Services are purchased on an individual basis tailored to the need of each child and young person.
Greenwich	This is not stated in the specification, but Greenwich does offer respite.
Lambeth Lewisham Southwark	No.

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Yours sincerely

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