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Dear Mr Steer

Re: Freedom of Information request

Reference: FOI.20.SWL230

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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 West 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.**

No – there is not one across the whole of South West London, individuals are assessed for their needs by local teams. The only exception to this is that there is a service spec for the Shooting Star Hospice service which has been drafted for implementation. This is attached.

- 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)**

The specification infers this although it is not explicitly stated.

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)**

The specification doesn't state this directly; but does reference complying with NICE guidance.

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)**

The specification doesn't state this directly, but does refer to providing emotional and psychological support.

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)**

The specification doesn't state this directly, but does refer to an MDT specialist paediatric team.

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)**

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)**

No – but there is already a service running which covers SWL for out of hours paediatric palliative care.

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)**

No

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