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On behalf of NHS Southampton City Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

Children Who Need Palliative Care

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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, the CCG does not have a service specification for palliative care, this forms part of our acute and community contracts and is also commissioned by NHS England

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/e03-paedi-med-pall.pdf>.

For more information, please refer your request to NHS England:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/>

The Children's Community Nursing (CCN) Specification includes the following statements:
Children with life-limiting and life-threatening illness including:

- Provision of assessment and home palliative nursing care for children/young people with life limiting and life threatening conditions
- Development and provision of end of life home nursing packages of care to enable a child to die in their own home if this is the chosen place
- Provision of terminal care to children/young people in the final stages of their illness, including a 24 hour on-call rota if required to provide specialist advice and telephone support
- Psycho-therapeutic support for the child/young person and their family
- Provision of social, emotional and practical support for families

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)

No, this is contained within NHS England specification/CCN specification.

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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, this is contained within NHS England specification/CCN specification.

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- 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)**

No, this is within CCN specification.

- 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)**

No, this is within NHS England specification.

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- 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, this is within CCN specification.

- 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, this is within CCN specification.

- 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, the CCG does not have this service specification, this would be offered as part of a continuing care package if eligible or by Southampton City Council.

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Acting Chief Nurse, NHS Southampton City Trust Headquarters, Oakley Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO16 4GX.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Manager