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Dear Mr Cooper

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing concerning your request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. On behalf of NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), I can confirm the following in response to your request.

- 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.**

We do not have a standalone specification, but palliative care is included with the Childrens Community Nursing Team Specification, the Complex Care Nursing Team, Francis House Hospice and Reubens Retreat support our 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, but this is done within our Complex Care Nursing Team who look after this group of young people.
- 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, but they are looked after by the Complex Care Nursing Team, who coordinates the care.
- 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)**

We offer grant support to Reubens Retreat and Francis House Hospice who work closely with our families and their siblings to offer emotional support, peer support, wellbeing and short breaks.
- 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.

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, but Reubens Retreat and Francis House will support families in this category.

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.

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, but Reubens Retreat and Francis House will offer this support to families.

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Yours sincerely,

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