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Dear Dan Steer

I am writing regarding your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Request:**

**My questions**

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.
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)
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)
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)
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)
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)
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)
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)

The CCG commissions Children’s Palliative Care services through local Children’s Community Nursing teams. We do not at this time have a formal service specification of the type referred to in the request. We understand that NHS England are currently piloting a draft service specification for Children’s Palliative Care in selected localities and we will review our policies and practices against this specification when it becomes generally available.

I hope we have answered your questions. However, if you don’t feel that we have, please contact us at the above address.

Yours sincerely,

##### Dr Nigel Guest

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