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Dear Mr Steer

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request which was received on 15 February 2021.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

In your request you asked a number of questions:

1. Do you have a children's palliative care service specification? (Yes/No).
NHS Wakefield CCG does not have a children's palliative care service specification
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)
N/A
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)
N/A
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)
N/A

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)

N/A

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)

N/A

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)

N/A


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)

N/A

NHS Wakefield CCG has no current service specification in place however the CCG commissions a service from Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Trust, which provides many elements of the both the NICE Guidance and the draft Children's and Young People's Palliative (CYP) and End of Life Care Service Specification, including 24 hour support for end of life care.

In the Wakefield area we have a committed staff team whose aim is to improve services for children and young people who are defined as having a life limiting or life threatening condition.

Wakefield as part of the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership (HCP) are supporting development of palliative care services for children and young people across the HCP footprint to ensure we are able to meet their needs in line with the recommendations and supporting the West Yorkshire CYP Palliative Care Network. In 2020-21 there has been HCP investment funding agreed to develop a regional specialist team for Children and Young People's palliative care. The CCG's in West Yorkshire HCP also support our 2 local children's hospices Martin House and Forget Me Not who are integral to meeting the needs of children, young people and their families.



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Yours sincerely

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