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Dear Mr Cooper,

**Re: Freedom of Information Request - Children Who Need Palliative Care**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**You Asked for:**

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)

## Our Response:

1. There is a Respite Service and Hospice to Home Service (H2H) commissioned with Claire House Hospice.
2. No, there is a requirement in the H2H Service to support the development of effective partnership arrangements between health providers that enables advanced planning and co-ordination of integrated care.
3. No.
4. Yes. The H2H team will provide the following service provisions to children/young people with palliative and End of Life Care (EoLC) needs and their families: -
  - Emotional and Psychological Support
5. No.
6. Yes. The H2H team will provide the following service provisions to children/young people with palliative and EoLC needs and their families: -
  - Bereavement Care and Support
7. Yes. The H2H service aims to develop robust systems to support 24/7 palliative and end of life care for children and young people in their preferred place of care; through an effective integrated delivery of care by local and specialist services.  
Claire House H2H service is a 24 hour rapid response service which enables a step up, step down approach to care at home which provides specialist end of life care or enhanced nursing support to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions for those children with palliative and complex health care needs
8. Yes. The Respite Service specification supports emergency respite including end of life care for children and young people who have a life threatening or life limiting condition and who have palliative care needs.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

Yours sincerely



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