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Dear

Due to the abolishment of clinical commissioning groups, from the 1 July 2022 the information you had previously requested from Blackburn with Darwen, East Lancashire, Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre, Morecambe Bay and West Lancashire CCGs is now held by the newly established Integrated Care Board for NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria.

**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-2388- Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB**

Thank you for your request dated 30 June 2022.

We can confirm that the ICB does hold part of the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

The questions below which we would like you to answer are designed to help me understand how you commission services that provide regular overnight breaks at home to enable parents or carers of children and young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions to sleep. They are also designed to help me understand how you commission packages of NHS continuing care for children and young people.

In order to help you meet my request, I provide definitions to the terms I use in my questions below:

**Life-limiting and life-threatening conditions**

“Life-limiting conditions are those for which there is no reasonable hope of cure and from which children will die. Some of these conditions cause slow deterioration over time rendering the child increasingly dependent on parents and carers.

Life-threatening conditions are those for which curative treatment may be feasible but can fail, such as cancer.”

**Children and young people**

Babies, children and young people aged 0-18.

**Complex clinical care**

This includes (but is not limited to) care which involves overnight ventilation, enteral feeding, oxygen therapy and/or seizure management, for example.

Q1	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Do you commission services that provide regular overnight breaks at home to enable parents or carers of children and young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions to sleep? (Yes/No)</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>The CCG's were abolished on the 1 July 2022 and are now known as Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB, commission homecare packages for children and young people who meet eligibility criteria for Children's Continuing care, as per: National Framework for Children and Young People's Continuing Care 2016, please follow the link below for more information:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-and-young-peoples-continuing-care-national-framework">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-and-young-peoples-continuing-care-national-framework</a></p> <p><b>Respite provision is not commissioned routinely by Health in Lancashire and South Cumbria. Respite is usually supported by Derain House, Alex House, Claire House and Zoe's place. Each respite/hospice provider have their own criteria and eligibility status, to award children and young people respite over the year.</b></p>
Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>If you answered yes to (1), please describe the services that you commission, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the criteria that children and young people must meet in order to access them</li> <li>• the criteria that parents and carers must meet in order to access them</li> <li>• if these services are available at weekends and bank holidays</li> <li>• how frequently parents and carers can access them (a certain number of hours or nights per week, for example).</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Home care packages of care via healthcare providers.</b></p> <p><b>Eligibility for Continuing Care (1 of the following):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• x1 Severe</li> <li>• x1 Priority</li> <li>• x3 Highs</li> </ul> <p><b>Across the 10 domains within the framework, and that there is clearly an unmet health need what cannot be commissioned by core commissioned NHS services.</b></p> <p><b>Eligibility for Complex Care (1 of the following):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• x2 Highs</li> <li>• x1 High and x1 Moderate</li> <li>• x3 or more Moderates</li> </ul> <p><b>Across the 10 domains within the framework and should include either psychological or behavioural need domains/or both.</b></p> <p><b>There is clearly an unmet health need what cannot be commissioned by core commissioned NHS services.</b></p>

	<p>There is no criteria for parents to meet, the care award is based on the child's health care needs and whether these are met or unmet needs.</p> <p>Packages of care are awarded in value of hours. Dependent on the unmet need will depend on whether these are hours supported in the day, at night or both. Also dependent on award of hours depends on how many nights/days are supported. i.e. 70 hours per week award usually equates 7x10hr nights per week.</p> <p>105 hours per week usually equates 7x10hr Nights and 35hrs utilised over 5 days per week.</p> <p>There is flexibility if parents prefer longer days etc. i.e. 3 longer days rather than 5 short days. This all depend on hours awarded based on eligibility status and unmet health need.</p> <p>Our commissioned support is not respite support; this is a package of care to meet unmet assessed health needs. A package will be awarded, and this will be a weekly award over a 52-week period. i.e., 105 hours per week x52 weeks.</p> <p>Respite provision is not commissioned routinely by Health in Lancashire and South Cumbria. Respite is usually supported by Derain House, Alex House, Claire House, Zoe's place. Each respite/hospice provider have their own criteria and eligibility status, to award children and young people respite over the year.</p>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>If you answered yes to (1), do you specify that these services are to be provided by trained nurses and/or other carers with the skills and experience needed to provide complex clinical care to children and young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions (Yes/No)?</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Each child and young person will have a Health Needs Assessment (HNA) undertaken outlining in detail health needs of the CYP (Child or Young Person). This will also outline as to whether the child's needs can be met by a Health Care Assistant (HCA) or a Registered Nurse. It will be determined if CYPs needs can be safely delegated to an HCA.</b></p> <p><b>Package of care will be procured via a provider according to need.</b></p>

Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>If you answered yes to (3), please describe out the skills and experiences that you specify.</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Skills required of a Health Care Assistant or registered Nurse, will be determined based on the CYP's Health Needs, for example:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tracheostomy Care</b></li> <li>• <b>Ventilation Care</b></li> <li>• <b>Seizure Management</b></li> <li>• <b>Feeding i.e. Nasal Gastric Tube (NG), Gastrostomy/PEG.</b></li> </ul>
Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Please set out the criteria that children and young people in your CCG area must meet in order to access NHS children and young people's continuing care, if this is different to your answer to question. Please attach a copy of your criteria document or assessment document for children and young people's continuing care.</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Eligibility for Continuing Care (1 of the following):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>x1 Severe</b></li> <li>• <b>x1 Priority</b></li> <li>• <b>x3 Highs</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Across the 10 domains within the framework, and that there is clearly an unmet health need what cannot be commissioned by core commissioned NHS services.</b></p> <p><b>Eligibility for Complex Care:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>x2 Highs</b></li> <li>• <b>x1 High and x1 Moderate</b></li> <li>• <b>x3 or more Moderates</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Across the 10 domains within the framework and should include either psychological or behavioural need domains/or both. There is clearly an unmet health need what cannot be commissioned by core commissioned NHS services.</b></p>

Q6	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Please set out the number of children and young people your CCG has provided NHS children and young people’s continuing care packages to each year in the years 2017/18-2021/22 inclusive.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Please note: Due to the close down of the CCGs on 30 June 2022, the figures provided below are based on Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB data.</b></p> <p><b>2017-18 - 6</b>  <b>2018-19 - 11</b>  <b>2019-20 - 11</b>  <b>2020-21 - 14</b>  <b>2021-22 - 16</b></p>
Q7	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Please set out the number of <i>new</i> NHS children and young people’s continuing care packages your CCG has awarded to children and young people in each of the years 2017/18-2021/22 inclusive.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Please note: Due to the close down of the CCGs on 30 June 2022, the figures provided below are based on Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB data.</b></p> <p><b>2017-18 - 2</b>  <b>2018-19 - 5</b>  <b>2019-20 - 0</b>  <b>2020-21 - 4</b>  <b>2021-22 - 3</b></p>
Q8	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Please set out how much money your CCG has spent on providing NHS children and young people’s continuing care each year in the years 2017/18-2021/22 inclusive.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Please note: Due to the close down of the CCGs on 30 June 2022, the figures provided below are based on Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB data.</b></p> <p><b>2017-18 - £214,137</b>  <b>2018-19 - £329,824</b>  <b>2019-20 - £451,754</b>  <b>2020-21 - £400,205</b>  <b>2021-22 - £180,681</b></p>

### **Right of Appeal**

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

### **To request an internal review**

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at [MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net](mailto:MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net) or by post to Jubilee House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you require a review.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the CCGs FOI complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery  
ICB Chief Executive**