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Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3679-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 23 November 2023.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	Your Question: Do you have a children's palliative care service specification? (Yes/No). If so, please attach a copy to your response to this request. Our Response: No- however we are currently drafting a palliative care commissioning framework in line with the national service specification.
Q2	Your Question: Has your ICB completed an Ambitions for Palliative and End of Life Care self-assessment? (Yes/No). If yes, please attach your completed self-assessment to your response to this FOI request. Our Response: Yes- gap analysis attached.
Q3	Your Question: 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)

	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>No.</p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>No.</p>
Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Do you have a children's palliative care service specification which states that infants, children and young people with a life-limiting condition, their parents or carers and their siblings should be given information about emotional and psychological support, including how to access it? (Yes/No)</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>No.</p>
Q6	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>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^[1]? (Yes/No)</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>No – however we have a specification for Childrens Specialist Palliative Nurses.</p>
Q7	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Do you have a children's palliative care service specification which states that siblings and 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)</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>No.</p>
Q8	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>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^[2] and advice from a consultant in paediatric palliative care^[3]? (Yes/No)</p>

	Our Response: No.
Q9	Your Question: 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: No.

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 40 working days 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 or by post to Leyland 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

Yours sincerely

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
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