

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-06-412

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Dear

**FOI-06-412**

**Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request for information received on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board can provide the following information.

An anonymised copy of this response will be made publicly available on the ICB website.

Please see our responses in blue below:

**I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act.**

**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.**

Yes.

All specifications are attached.

**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)**

Yes.

As specified the palliative care offer forms part of the Children's community nursing service delivered by Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT). The specification is written to reflect a historical CCG locality, however current operational delivery detailed in the specification covers all our ICB geography, whilst the specification is contracted to reflect all ICB localities.

As set out in the Douglas McMillan hospices (DMH) and Acorns grants.

**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)**

Yes.

All specifications are attached.

**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)**

Yes.

All specifications are attached.

**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)**

Yes.

All specifications are attached.

**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)**

Yes.

All specifications are attached.

**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)**

No - MPFT

Due to historical commissioning arrangements, we do not have full ICB coverage across all localities in the community with a paediatric consultant specialist in palliative care. Medical governance is also taken from secondary care.

Yes – Children and Young People Hospices

Whilst in the care of the Children and Young People Hospices we do have access consultant in paediatric palliative care.

**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)**

No - MPFT

Due to historical commissioning arrangements, we do not have a respite offer covering all the ICB footprint. It is only offered by the children community nursing teams if the Children and Young People (CYP) resides within the historical CCG localities of Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire.

Yes – Children and Young People Hospices

As specified in the attached documents.

**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 an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board FOI team by emailing the team at [StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk](mailto:StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk) or by post to the address at the top of this letter.

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 Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board's FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:  
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Yours sincerely

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