

**Ref: CCG April017**

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14<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 , with regards to the Commissioning of services for children and young people with life-shortening conditions.

Request/**Response**

Do you commission any of the following services for children with life-shortening conditions between the ages of 0 and 25? If yes, do these services provide care out of hours and at weekends?

1. Specialist medical input (e.g. medical consultants with expertise in life-shortening conditions) (yes/no)?

***Yes, Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group do currently provide specialist medical input for children with life-shortening conditions, both out of hours and on weekends.***

2. Community children's nursing (yes/no)?

***Yes, Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group do currently provide community children's nursing for children with life-shortening conditions, both out of hours and on weekends.***

3. Children's hospice services (yes/no)?

***Yes, Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group do currently provide community hospice services for children with life-shortening conditions, both out of hours and on weekends.***

4. Community paediatrics (yes/no)?

**Yes, Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group do currently provide community paediatrics for children with life-shortening conditions, however this services is only provided on week days.**

5. Specialised children's palliative care (which can include managing complex symptoms and prescribing unlicensed medicines) (yes/no)?

**Yes, Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group do currently provide specialised children's palliative care for children with life-shortening conditions, both out of hours and on weekends.**

6. Emotional and psychological support - including bereavement care (yes/no)?

**Yes, Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group do currently provide Emotional and psychological support, including bereavement care, for children with life-shortening conditions. Planned bereavement care is given on weekdays; however bereavement care via hospice (planned or unplanned) includes out of hours and weekends.**

7. Equipment - including wheelchairs (yes/no)?

**Yes, Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group do currently provide Equipment for children with life shortening conditions, both out of hours and on weekends, however core services, such as appointments regarding the equipment, and core services, are only given on weekdays.**

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Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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