

Reference: FOI.ICB-2425/020

Subject: Hospice Services for Children and Young People

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold some of the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
	<p>The questions below which I would like you to answer are designed to help me understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how much money your integrated care board (ICB) spent on hospice services for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions in 2023/24 • how many children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions in your ICB footprint accessed hospice care during 2023/24 • how much money your integrated care board (ICB) plans to spend on hospice services for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions during 2024/25, excluding the £25 million Children's Hospice Grant funding that NHS England has asked every ICB to distribute. <p>In order to help you meet my request, I provide definitions to the terms I use in my questions below:</p> <p><i>Life-limiting and life-threatening conditions</i> “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.”</p> <p><i>Children and young people</i> Babies, children and young people aged 0-25.</p>

<p>1. Please set out how much money your integrated care board spent on hospice care for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions between 6 April 2023 and 5 April 2024. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per children's hospice organisation.</p>	<p>BNSSG ICB holds annual financial information starting on 1st April each year. Therefore, the financial summary provided is for 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024 inclusive (not 06/04 to 05/04).</p> <p>A total of £738,047.28 funding was provided to the children's hospices, by BNSSG ICB. The breakdown of finances per hospice is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of £555,524.20 was provided to Children's Hospice South West • A total of £182,523.08 was provided to Jessie May
<p>2. Please set out the arrangement through which this money was paid in 2023/24 – was this by standard contract, service level agreement, grant arrangement, spot purchases or by other means.</p>	<p>Recurrent finances were agreed with the hospices via NHS Standard Contracts. Additional, non-recurrent funding was provided for fixed-term end of life care project work.</p>
<p>3. Please set out how many children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions who live in your integrated care board footprint accessed hospice care between 6 April 2023 and 5 April 2024. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per hospice organisation.</p>	<p>BNSSG ICB does not hold this level of patient information. This data is held by the hospices. They can be contacted directly at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Hospice South West: enquiries@chsw.org.uk • Jessie May: info@jessiemay.org.uk <p>The finances provided to each hospice have been detailed in response to question 1.</p>
<p>4. Please set out how many children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions who live in your integrated care board footprint could benefit from children's hospice care.</p>	<p>BNSSG ICB does not hold this level of patient information.</p>

<p>5. Please set out how much money your integrated care board plans to spend on hospice care for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions between 6 April 2024 and 5 April 2025, excluding any money that is set to be paid as part of the NHS England Children's Hospice Grant. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per hospice organisation.</p>	<p>Contractual paperwork for the financial year 2024 to 2025 has not yet been finalised and therefore the ICB cannot share this information at this stage.</p>
<p>6. Please set out the arrangement through which this money will be paid in 2024/25 – by standard contract, service level agreement, grant arrangement, spot purchases or by other means.</p>	<p>Finances provided to the hospices for the financial year 2024/2025 will be provided via NHS Standard Contract.</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 24 April 2024 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.