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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

### You Asked for:

1. **What is the population covered by your Clinical Commissioning Group?**  
NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group covers a population of 320,000.
2. **For the most recent full year you have data for, what is the number of:**
  - a. **Adult deaths (18 and over)**
  - b. **Child deaths (under 18)**
  - c. **Neo-natal deaths?**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group no longer collect this information. I would suggest that you contact: Public Health England or the Office of National Statistics directly on:

**Public Health**  
[FOI@phe.gov.uk](mailto:FOI@phe.gov.uk)

Or

**Office of National Statistics**  
[foi.team@ons.gov.uk](mailto:foi.team@ons.gov.uk)

2. **What services do you commission for Specialist Palliative Care?**  
NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group commissions services from Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Wirral Community NHS Trust and Hospice ( Claire House Children's Hospice and Wirral Hospice St John's).

**And how many Palliative Care Specialists are provided by these services you commission?**

**If possible, please specify numbers of Palliative Care Specialists broken down by:**

- a. **Consultants in Palliative Medicine**
- b. **Specialists Nurses employed as a clinical nurse specialist or a consultant nurse in palliative care**
- c. **Allied health Professionals, please specify?**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does not hold this information, I would suggest that you contact the provider organisations directly:

**Wirral University Teaching Hospital**  
[wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@nhs.net](mailto:wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@nhs.net).

**Wirral Community NHS Trust**  
[FOI@wirralct.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@wirralct.nhs.uk)

**Wirral St Johns Hospice**  
[info@wirralhospice.org](mailto:info@wirralhospice.org)

**4. Do commission Specialist Palliative Care Services in a community setting ie. Care Home, Hospice or Acute Trust? Yes/No**

**If yes, please specify?**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group commissions a Specialist Palliative Care Team in the Community and a Hospice team.

**5. What is your annual budget dedicated to Specialist Palliative Care Services commissioned for the current financial year, 2015-2016? We understand there may be differences in terms and if it is impossible for you to give a precise figure for whatever reason, please give your best estimate.**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Groups 15/16 annual budget for Specialist Palliative Care, Palliative Care and End of Life Services is £4,528,895.

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does not have the information split individually into each category.

**6. What is your annual budget for other Palliative Care or End of Life Care Services commissioned for the current financial year, 2015-2016?**

Please see response to question 5.

**7. How many beds are there specifically dedicated to Specialist Palliative Care Services**

**If possible please break down by:**

- a. **Hospices: Number of beds in each hospice inpatient unit, please specify each unit by name.**
- b. **Other Providers: Number of beds in each provider inpatient unit, please specify each unit by name.**
- c. **Hospital: Number of beds in each hospital inpatient unit, please specify each unit by name.**

Please see response to question 3.

**8. Do you commission for seven day admissions to Specialist Palliative Care Beds? Yes/No**

**If yes, please provide further information on whether these admissions are available in:**

- a. **All hospice beds you commission**
- b. **Some hospice beds, and if so how many?**
- c. **NHS funded Specialist Palliative Care beds in hospitals, and if so how many?**
- d. **NHS funded Specialist Palliative Care beds in another facility, and if so how many?**
- e. **Any other facility, please specify.**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does commission for seven day admissions to Specialist Palliative Care Beds for adults, at Wirral Hospice St John's, this is a 16 bed unit.

For children NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group commission emergency respite nights and specialist 24 hour Hospice to Home support from Claire House Children's Hospice for

children and young people with terminal and life threatening conditions. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group do not commission beds as such, they commission episodes of care both in the Hospice and via Hospice to Home.

**9. Do you commission seven day Specialist Palliative Care Services? Yes/No**

**If yes, please give their hours of operations and the specific services available.**

The Specialist Palliative Care nursing team will operate 7 days per week from 9.00am to 5.00pm, 365 days a year offering face to face assessment of patients and also specialist advice, management and support to patients/families/carers, health and social care professionals. This includes weekends and bank holidays

**10. Do you commission seven day Specialist Palliative Care Services for patients in their own homes? Yes/No**

**If yes, please specify.**

Yes, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group commissions a Specialist palliative care team in community.

**11. Do you commission 24 hour/seven day Specialist Palliative Care advice? Yes/No**

**If yes,**

**(a) Is this advice from a consultant to all other out of hour's healthcare professionals in your area? Yes/No**

Where possible, Specialist Palliative Care staff will be co-located with consultants to maximise effective use of resources and to provide quality palliative care. Medical input will be provided by a consultant-led team.

**(b) Is this direct advice to patients and their carers? Yes/No**

Yes this is direct advice to patients and their carers.

**(c) If by another means, please specify what type of advice is available and how this advice is given.**

**12. In hospitals, do you commission Hospital Specialist Palliative Care Support Teams? Yes/No**

Yes NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group commissions integrated teams and a Specialist palliative care team.

**Please give details of which hospitals.**

Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

**13. Do you commission seven-day hospital acute pain control team services?**

Yes, a Specialist Palliative Care Service provides care and support 7 days a week across the hospital and community setting

**14. Do you commission education support for Specialist Palliative Care Services? Yes/No**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does commission education support for Specialist Palliative Care Services.

**If yes, please specify.**

End of life facilitators

**Does this education support require Palliative Care Specialists to educate other healthcare professionals? Yes/No**

Yes, this education support requires Palliative Care Specialists to educate other healthcare professionals.

**If yes, please specify.**

Six steps, gold standard framework

**15. Do you have any future plans for new Specialist Palliative Care Services? Yes/No**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does not have any future plans for new Specialist Palliative Care Services

**If yes, please specify.**

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