

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act for your Clinical Commissioning Group.

Our Freedom of Information request centres around the issue of bereavement and seeks to understand the level of support that is offered to bereaved adults commissioned by your CCG.

For all questions please **do not include hospice provision** within your answers unless you have contracts with hospices to deliver care that is not just restricted to family or friends of hospice patients. We are focused on bereavement support directly funded by the CCG.

If these questions are not relevant because bereavement support in your area are commissioned by another body (e.g. the LA), please indicate that below so that we can contact that organisation.

What we mean by 'bereavement support'

- counselling services
- emotional support services
- support groups
- peer/one to one support
- telephone, email, online forum support
- Information and advice

We do **not** mean bereavement services, e.g. burials, cremations, funerals

### **Funding for bereavement support**

1. Did you directly provide any bereavement support at any point in the last three financial years? If yes, please indicate which years.  
- No.
2. Did you commission or provide any grant funding to any organisation that provide bereavement support at any point in the last three years? If yes, please indicate which years.  
- Yes. 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/21.
3. How much money, if any, did you allocate for directly providing bereavement services in each of the last three financial years?  
- Not applicable, please see answer to question 1.

4. How much money, if any, did you allocate for commissioning/grant funding of bereavement services in each of the last three financial years? (Please list grant and contract amounts separately)

Contract amounts

2018/19 - £15,522

2019/20 - £15,522

2020/21 - £15,522

- The sums above relate to a specialist bereavement support service commissioned by the CCG. Other adult bereavement support provision is embedded within the wider End of Life services contracts delivered by Nottinghamshire Hospice and the Mid Notts End of Life Alliance.

5. Are you aware of other organisations/bodies in the area covered by your CCG that commission bereavement services? E.g LA? If yes, please indicate which organisations these are.

- The CCG does not hold this information. You may wish to contact the Local Authority for this information. Freedom of Information contact details for Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council can be found on the websites below.

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/your-council/about-the-council/access-to-information/access-to-information>

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/freedom-of-information/submit>

6. a.) Have you commissioned any additional organisations or provided any additional grant funding to provide bereavement support directly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic? Please include organisations you have existing contracts with but have increased the amount of funding you have given due to the pandemic situation.

Yes. Nottinghamshire Hospice has received funding for additional bereavement support provision.

b.) If yes, please outline how much money and to how many organisations your CCG has given, and over what time period (e.g. one-year contract, two-year contract)?

Nottinghamshire Hospice has been awarded £26,879 to provide a new Grief Line Service. The service is funded for 6 months from May 2020.

### **Bereavement Services**

7. Which organisations do you currently financially contract or provide grant funding to, to supply bereavement services?

- Non-hospice adult bereavement services - Cruse bereavement services for the Mid Nottinghamshire area.

8. Please can you tell us the number of adults who benefitted from bereavement services in your CCG area in each of the last three financial years? Please include, where possible, an age profile within this.
- 2018/19 - 1137 clients
  - 2019/20 - 1480 clients
  - 2020/21 - Not currently available
9. Have you undertaken any mapping or reviews of the availability of both formal **and** informal bereavement support services available in your area? If you are able, please do include any links to this work.
- No mapping of adult bereavement support services has been undertaken since the formation of the new Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG in April 2020.

Should answering this request exceed the 'appropriate limit' under the FOI Act please prioritise questions 4, 6 and 7.

Thank you very much for your help and please provide your response by email to:

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Or write to

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