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Re: Freedom of Information Request – Bereavement Services

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 9th September 2020.

You Asked for:

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

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 Local Authority (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.
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.
3. How much money, if any, did you allocate for directly providing bereavement services in each of the last three financial years?

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)
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.
6. Please see below:
 - 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.
 - 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)?

Bereavement Services

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

Our Response:

1. Unfortunately, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not have access to this information, however, bereavement support is provided through our Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) contract. This is currently being provided by Insight Healthcare. Please can I suggest that you contact them direct? I have included their contact details below for your information:
Insight Healthcare - <https://www.insighthealthcare.org/our-services/talking-therapies/find-a-service/wirral/>
2. Please see the answer to question 1.
3. Please see the answer to question 1.
4. Please see the answer to question 1.
5. No.
6. No.
7. Bereavement services are provided by Cruse through a subcontract arrangement by our IAPT provider, Talking Together Wirral.
8. Please see the answer to question 1.
9. No.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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