**FOI Ref: 6208**

**Category(ies): Clinical – Service Activity**

**Subject: Provision of Specialist Palliative Care Services**

**Date Received: 27/01/2022**

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| **Your request:** | **Our response:** |
| I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act to request information about the provision of specialist palliative care services by The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust. NHS Rotherham CCG has indicated that the trust may hold this information.  In order to assist you to meet this request I have provided the following definitions of the terms used in my request, below:  ***Palliative care*** is the care and support given to people with life-limiting conditions. It focuses on managing pain and other symptoms over the whole of the time a person lives with their condition and aims to give the best quality of life possible. It may be provided by specialist or non-specialist clinicians. It includes practical and emotional support people and those close to them need in order to spend the time they have left in the way they choose.  ***Specialist palliative care*** encompasses hospice care as well as a range of other specialist advice, physicians in palliative medicine or other suitably trained practitioners, such as clinical nurse specialists in palliative care. | |
| 1. What specialist palliative care services are provided by the trust for the financial year 2021-22? | 7 day service covered by Specialist Nurses and supported by Palliative Care Consultant across acute/community and Hospice.  On-call service covered by Hospice Team and on-call palliative care consultant. |
| 1. How many of the following specialist palliative care professionals are employed/funded by the trust for the financial year 2021-22?  * Consultants in Palliative Medicine * GPs with a specialism in palliative care * Specialist Nurses employed as a clinical nurse specialist or a consultant nurse in palliative care * Allied health professionals | Consultants- 2.8 WTE  2 WTE specialty doctors, not for whole year  9 specialist nurses  1 clinical co-ordinator  1 Volunteer co-ordinator |
| 1. How many specialist palliative care beds are provided by the CCG for the financial year 2021-22 in the following settings?  * In hospitals * In hospices * In nursing homes * In another facility | No specialist palliative care beds funded. |
| 1. During the financial year 2021-22, how many visits have been made by specialist palliative care professionals employed/funded by the trust to patients who died at home? | 420 patients were seen in the community setting by Palliative Medicine Consultants who are employed by the Trust. We do not hold the data on how many of these patients died at home. |