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*[To Phil Johns, CEO of the Coventry and Warwickshire ICB, via email]*

Dear Phil

Hope this finds you well.

I am writing to ask about children palliative care in my constituency (and in Warwickshire), and to highlight the important role that district nurses play, as well as our local children hospices and children wards in our local hospitals.

I want to list some of the issues surrounding children palliative care:

1. Transition between paediatrics palliative care and adult palliative care

Palliative care for children is different from that of adults, which is based mainly on agencies. It would be good to have a good transition in place so that nurses can keep looking after children who survive into adulthood, so that an extended service can be implemented when the patient reaches 18 to 25 years.

2. Lack of PTSD/trauma therapy/mental health for children and families, and no bereavement support (unless charities have the capacity and step in).
3. Lack of respite/training site in our area which would include play therapy and PTSD/mental health support for families. Are there any sites which could host NHS district nurses in collaboration for example with charities/hospices?

I look forward to hearing from you about the IBC's strategy for paediatrics palliative care and how the issues above can be addressed.

Warmest regards

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