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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013131 – End of life medicines

I am currently setting up (1) domiciliary visiting medicines review (focussing on both medicines optimisation and medicines adherence) and (2) palliative care services (to ensure the timely and appropriate availability of end of life medicines) within Norfolk using the community pharmacy network and GP practice based pharmacy network, working in conjunction with our NHS community services teams. I am therefore writing to ask if you could send me any reports (service specifications, audit reports, service evaluations etc.) which you may have relating to any services of a similar nature delivered in your area.

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For 1)

There is a scheme in Dudley where pharmacists will go and visit patients and do a medication review - the protocol is every 6 months for 4 or more medications, or 12 months for less than 4.

Each GP practice is supported by Community Pharmacists, further information can be sought from the CCG.

For 2) for community nurses caring for palliative care/end of life care patients there is a process in place whereby urgently required End of Life Drugs are accessed via on call Pharmacy in Acute Hospital.

Medical advice to support also available by telephone for any out of hours GP services or Community nurses via local Hospice)