Children’s Hospice Association Scotland

CHAS was not involved in preparation or planning and have not been involved with work following the publication of the Strategic Plan.

Not all Boards are have included children’s services in their integration plans which is disappointing and adds a layer of complexity to our work as a national service.

There is some interest in palliative and end of life care in the integration boards and a commitment to the Strategic framework for Action which is welcomed by CHAS. However, children’s palliative care does not currently feature. This may well be because the numbers are small and we also appreciate the first year is about setting the structures in place and embedding them.

We are pleased to see the focus on data and that five partnership Boards are identified as pilots for palliative and end of life care. However this will not include data on children currently. CHAS is currently engaging separately with ISD to understand the data better and inform future discussions with Integration Boards.

Additionally, CHAS is currently in discussion with Geoff Huggins about finding ways for CHAS to:

- Be part of data collection in a way that does not cause result in identifying individuals (given the numbers are so small and diseases relatively rare)
- Consider ways to be involved, as a national service, that does not necessitate reporting to every Partnership Board.