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Dear Chris Glynn

**Subject: CYPF1. Voluntary Sector Funding – proposal to remove grant funding from Acorns**

I am a parent of a child who accesses Acorns Children's Hospice in Selly Oak Birmingham. The support provided for my child by the hospice is *specialist palliative care short-breaks*.

The paediatric palliative care nurses and trained staff group offer bespoke individualised care for children with complex health needs which are not accessible through other short break providers in the city.

The grant Birmingham City Council provides to Acorns supports vital learning opportunities and developmentally important activities for children. Our children are disadvantaged due to physical disabilities, learning difficulties and prognosis. They need this specialist input in the hospice.

As a parent and resident of Birmingham I would ask you **NOT** to withdraw this funding. Our children have a right to their social and educational needs being met which contributes to their wider emotional wellbeing.

Yours sincerely,

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Acorns Parent

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