**Acceptance Criteria for the West Yorkshire Forget me not Trust Children’s Hospice at Home**

The acceptance criteria for the hospice service is based on the four broad categories of life-limiting conditions described by the ACT, (the Association for Children with Life-limiting, Life –threatening or Terminal Conditions and their families)

All referrals must fit into one of these categories;

**Group 1**

Life-threatening conditions for which curative treatment may be feasible, but can fail. Where access to palliative care services may be necessary when treatment fails e.g. (Cancer, usually solid tumours or irreversible organ failure of heart, liver and kidneys).

**Group 2**

Conditions where premature death is inevitable, where there may be long periods of intensive treatment aimed at prolonging life and allowing participation in other activities, e.g. (Cystic fibrosis muscular dystrophy).

**Group 3**

Progressive conditions without curative options, where treatment is exclusively palliative and may commonly extend over many years. e.g. (Batten disease, mucopolysaccharidoses).

**Group 4**

Irreversible, but non-progressive conditions causing severe disability leading to susceptibility to health complications and likelihood of premature death e.g. (severe cerebral palsy, multiple disabilities such as brain or spinal cord insult).