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Dear

FOI-0524-832

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 9th May 2024. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board can provide the following information.

An anonymised copy of this response will be made publicly available on the ICB website.

Please see our responses in blue below:

Questions:

- Please confirm if your ICB operates on a CHC framework with a single rate and confirm the rate and any criteria relevant to this rate, and confirm the uplift applied to this framework rate for the period 2024/2025?**

Note: If your ICB offered a range of rates, please outline the MEAN / MEDIAN / LOWEST / HIGHEST uplifts offered to Registered Older Persons Nursing Homes (If this rate differs by place, please add additional rows to reflect each place):

	Mean	Median	Lowest	Highest
CHC Rate				
CHC Uplift				

The Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board (ICB) has agreed set rates for 2024/25 for NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) residents. The 24/25 set rate is £1,157.10 per week which is inclusive of the 5.66% inflationary uplift award.

2. If your ICB places CHC residents outside of a CHC framework with a single rate, please confirm the rates and any criteria relevant to this rate, and confirm the uplift applied to this rate for the period 2024/2025?

Note: If your ICB offered a range of rates, please outline the MEAN / MEDIAN / LOWEST / HIGHEST uplifts offered to Registered Older Persons Nursing Homes (*If this rate differs by place, please add additional rows to reflect each place*):

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CHC Rate				
CHC Uplift				

We do not place CHC outside of the CHC Framework. Please see detail in response to Question 1.

3. Please provide a copy of any letter or letters sent to care providers communicating CHC uplifts made by your ICB?

Please find attached letter that was issued to care providers on the 13th May 2024.

4. As of 31 March 2024, how many individuals were your ICB funding for CHC in Registered Older Persons Nursing Homes?

402 (Older Persons classed as Over 65).

5. Regarding the NHSE Payment Scheme Principle that the ICB's approach must: *'promote transparency and good data quality to improve accountability and encourage the sharing of best practice'*

Please share the calculations, or methodology used by the ICB to outline how this principle is being met?

2024/2025 inflation has been applied at a rate of 5.66% aligned to the Better Care Fund (BCF) 2024/2025 inflation, which is in line with previous years application and in line with NHS England Planning Guidance published on the 28th March 2024.

6. Regarding the NHSE Payment Scheme Principle that the ICB's approach must: *'engage constructively with each other when trying to agree payment approaches'*

Please outline how providers were engaged in the decision that resulted in an annual review or uplift?

The Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board (ICB) met with members of the Staffordshire Association of Registered Care Providers (SARCP) on the 11th April 2024 to provide an overview of the proposed inflationary uplift award to NHS Continuing Healthcare packages of care in 2024/2025.

Confirmation of the agreed inflationary uplift award was communicated to care providers via the Dynamic Procurement System (DPS) on the 13th May 2024.

7. Please provide the appropriate named contact details (*Including: title, email address, phone number and address*) for the following topics:

- a) Inflationary Uplifts
- b) Fee Reviews (For instances of a resident's change in need)
- c) Commissioning
- d) Payment and Invoice Queries (outside of SBS)
- e) Development of processes for ICB's approach to future uplifts

Any queries relating to points A-E above should be sent to the following email address, queries will then be allocated to the most appropriate colleague.

Email address: mlcsu.chccontracts@nhs.net

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board FOI team by emailing the team at StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board's FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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**Staffordshire and
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Yours sincerely

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