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Dear

FOI-10-574

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 23rd October 2023. 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:

**Integrated Care Board (ICB) Continuing Healthcare (CHC) Fee Uplift 2023/2024
Freedom of Information Request**

Pre-amble

To provide adult social care providers with the most recent information regarding integrated care boards (ICBs) continuing healthcare (CHC) fee uplifts for 2023/2024. The following information request looks to establish key information critical for Adult Social Care (ASC) providers to support the commissioning of CHC.

Questions

- 1. Please confirm if your ICB operates on a CHC framework with a single, or range of rates, and confirm the rate/s and any criteria relevant to these rates, along with any annual uplift applied to these framework rate/s for the period 2023/24?**

An inflationary uplift was applied of 4% to all NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) Care Home placements with nursing back dated to the 1st April 2023, this will include any placements that are not currently on a tier. The ICB introduced a core weekly bed rate of £1095.12 which will be the standard rate for all CHC funded placements. Where it has been clinically justified that 1:1 care is required to meet an assessed need, 1:1 cost should be calculated on an individual basis. From the 5th June 2023 the ICB will only fund 1:1 care for a maximum of 20 hours per day at a maximum of £20.00 per hour, this is on the basis that four hours is included in the weekly core bed rate (detailed above) for standard levels of personal care that an individual could expect.

2. If your ICB places CHC residents outside of a CHC framework with a single, or range of rates, please confirm the rates and any criteria relevant to these rates, and confirm the uplift applied to these rates for the period 2023/24?

Not Applicable.

3. Please outline the process to set CHC uplifts within your ICB, and state how care providers were engaged in this process?

Liaised with ICB peers in the West Midlands region and also engaged with local authority partners to understand inflationary uplift awards for 2023/24. Utilised fair cost of care data and benchmarking data from the ICB statistical peers in the region to determine the ICB inflationary uplift award from the 1st April 2023. This was communicated to the market via letter in May 2023 followed by a Microsoft Teams engagement event on the 25th July 2023.

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

Please see enclosed inflation letter.

5. Please outline the process and timeline for your ICB's approach to your 2024/2025 CHC uplift? NOTE: If your ICB operates different uplift or uplift processes by former CCG or at a place level, please ensure your response is broken down by individual area etc.

The ICB is yet to receive notification of the 2024/2025 level of resource and funded inflation, therefore until such time, the ICB is unable to discuss potential provider uplifts. We do not anticipate the guidance to be released until the end of December 2024 at the earliest.

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:

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Yours sincerely

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