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Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3721-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 13 December 2023.

We can confirm that the ICB does hold the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>All packages of care are funded on a spot purchase basis. Any packages of care in place prior to 01 April 2023 received an uplift of 7%.</p>
Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>All packages of care are funded on a spot purchase basis. Any packages of care in place prior to 01 April 2023 received an uplift of 7%.</p>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Please outline the process to set CHC uplifts within your ICB, and state how care providers were engaged in this process.</p>

	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>The CHC uplift process is linked to the formulation of the ICB's financial plans. The ICB will consider market conditions and the context of its own affordability position in determining an uplift.</p> <p>The ICB recently invited nursing homes to partake in engagement forums with the ICB in person and via Teams. Proposed methods to price settings and uplifts were discussed; providers were invited to offer their views on the methods suggested and also offer their own suggestions. The views of Providers who attended the forums in person were also collated on a physical form and a Microsoft form was also sent to all providers to offer their suggestions for consideration by the ICB.</p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Please provide a copy of any letter or letters sent to care providers communicating CHC uplifts made by your ICB.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>Please see the attached document.</p>
Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>The CHC uplift process is linked to the formulation of the ICB's financial plans. The ICB will consider market conditions and the context of its own affordability position in determining an uplift. It intends to announce this figure to the sector prior to the commencement of the new financial year. In 23/24 the uplift applied to the entire L&SC footprint and the expectation is that this will be repeated in 24/25.</p>

Right of Appeal

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 40 working days from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net or by post to Leyland House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you require a review.

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 CCGs FOI complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliff House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
ICB Chief Executive**