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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received by the Corporate Affairs Team on Wednesday 12th April 2017.

You Asked for:

1. The number of (a) adults and (b) children receiving Continuing Healthcare (CHC)/Continuing Care in your area.

a) 255

b) 49

2. The number of those from 1(a) and 1(b) who receive a Personal Health Budget (PHB)?

a) 22

b) 7

3. The number of those from 1(a) and 1(b) who receive (a) care in their home and (b) care in a residential or nursing home.

1a) – a - 85

1a) – b - 152

1b) – a - 44

1b) – b - 0

4. The number of those from 2(a) and 2(b) who receive (a) care in their home and (b) care in a residential or nursing home.

2a) – a - 21

2a) – b - 0

2b) – a - 7

2b) b – 0

5. The smallest and largest weekly budgets in £'s for 1(a), 1(b), 2(a) and 2(b).

1a (Smallest)	N/A
1a (Largest)	£6,611.44
1b (Smallest)	N/A
1b (Largest)	£2,694.38
2a (Smallest)	N/A
2a (Largest)	£4,419.71
2b (Smallest)	N/A
2b (Largest)	£489.50

N.B Unfortunately, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning group is unable to provide specific data on the lowest value package as some packages are negative values due to recouping costs.

6. The indicative hourly rate paid for Personal Assistants/carers (PAs) under a PHB for (a) standard care and (b) complex care.

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does not routinely record this data and therefore is unable to provide a response to this question.

7. The indicative hourly rate paid for Personal Assistants/carers (PAs) under CHC/CC for (a) standard care and (b) complex care.

Please see the response to question 6.

8. The maximum amount used under a PHB to fund social activities per annum?

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have estimated that the cost of complying with this request would exceed the appropriate limit under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000. The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 set the appropriate limit at £450 for public authorities such as the CCG. The Regulations provide that the time spent on such activities should be calculated at the flat rate of £25 per person, per hour. The appropriate limit is therefore equivalent to 18 hours work.

In estimating the cost of complying with a request the public authority can take into account the cost of determining whether information is held and locating, retrieving and extracting the information requested. The estimated cost of dealing with requests which relate to the same or similar information can be aggregated together when estimating whether the appropriate limit would be exceeded.

We have been advised by our Continuing Healthcare Team that the above request for information would need to be carried out by reviewing each Personal Health Care Budget and therefore, to locate, retrieve and extract the information requested, this would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours work.

9. The maximum amount used under a PHB to fund respite per annum?

Unfortunately, there is currently no relevant active cases.

10. The maximum amount used under a CHC/CC to fund respite per annum?

£1,341.85

11. Whether you permit 'close family members' who do not live with the 'service user' to be employed under (a) CHC and (b) PHB?

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group will not routinely permit services in a Support Plan to be secured from any of the following individuals:

- a. an individual living in the same house as the service user;
- b. a family member (including but not limited to the service user's spouse, civil partner, parent, parent-in-law, children or grandparent); or
- c. a friend involved in the provision of the patient's care.

Please see the attached policy below for your convenience.



11. PHB Policy May
2016 (2).pdf

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