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Re: Freedom of Information Request – Personal Health Budgets (PHB's)

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 11th November 2019.

You Asked for:

1. How often should a PHB be reviewed?
2. What are the deciding factors the CCG use for determining how much a PHB holder is granted for the hourly rates of their Personal Assistants?
3. What is the current pay scale for Personal Assistants of PHB holders with complex/medical needs?
4. Where on this pay scale would it be pertinent to place Personal Assistants caring for a PHB holder with the following diagnosis, medications and equipment used (as detailed in the initial FOI request):

Our Response:

1. In line with the National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care October 2018 (Revised), it should be reviewed initially at 3 months then every 12 months thereafter. However, some individuals will require more frequent reviews in line with clinical judgement and changing needs.
2. The care plan and the complexity of the care that will need to be provided will help to determine the rate of pay for a Personal Assistant (PA).
3. £10.31 - £11.95 per hour.
4. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is unable to provide an answer for this question as each patient is reviewed individually, therefore, without a clinician from NHS Wirral CCG reviewing a patient with the above-mentioned information, we are unable to provide a response.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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