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Re: Freedom of Information Request – Live-in Care

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 13th July 2020.

You Asked for:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

1. How many packages of live-in care do you commission each year?
2. How many of these packages do you consider to be for standard care needs and how many are more complex?
3. How many providers do you currently purchase live-in care packages from?
4. What are the price points of your live-in care packages?
5. How do you procure these packages i.e. spot purchase, framework etc?
6. If via a framework or other formal contract arrangement, is this currently open for new providers to join?

Our Response:

1. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) packages of care fall under various categories and in order to fulfill this request, it would take time with the appropriate team to review which cases are appropriately classed as “Live-In Care”. We believe that the cost of manually searching the files in order to comply with your request for the information by “Live-In Care” would exceed the ‘appropriate limit’ as defined by the Freedom of Information (FOI) and Data Protection Regulations 2004. We have therefore issued a Refusal Notice (as the request would exceed the cost threshold as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004).
2. NHS Wirral CCG is unable to access this data as per the explanation provided in the answer to question number 1.
3. Please see the answer to question 2.
4. Please see the answer to question 2.
5. NHS Wirral CCG currently commission packages of care based on assessed needs.
6. Commissioned packages are open on a system called Liquid Logic to providers with the necessary skill set, experience, knowledge and expertise to provide care that meet the needs of patients.

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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