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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Personal Health Budget (PHB) Sanctions

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was originally received into this office on 21st July 2021.

You Asked for:

In relation to the last financial year (2020/2021), could you please provide me with information relating to the first 20 occasions in which you sanctioned the use of a patient's Personal Health Budget (PHB) to be spent on something that was NOT for the provision of care, medicine, or transport to a place where care or medicine was provided?

1. For each of these 20 occasions please state:
 - I. What the money was spent on
 - II. How much money was spent on it
 - III. The outcome the patient was working towards as a result of this spend.

Note: What I am after is any capital expenditure which is not immediately apparent as of a medical purpose. So, a specialist bed would be medical and I would not want to know about it, but a large screen television for a patient with vision problems would be something that I am interested in, as somebody not familiar with the case would not be able to tell that the set had been bought because of the patient's vision problems. The request covers PHBs for both adults and children.

Our Response:

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has reviewed your request further and unfortunately, we are unable to provide a response to you as our Continuing Health Care (CHC) service is provided by Cheshire and Wirral Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust (CWP). I would therefore advise for you to liaise with them direct to request this information. I have included their contact details below, should you wish to do so:

CWP – FOI@cwps.nhs.uk

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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