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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 71769

I refer to your email of 23 October 2023 and your clarification email of 25 October 2023 requesting information in relation to Continuing Healthcare (CHC) Fee Uplift 2023/2024.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold some of the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below.

**Integrated Care Board (ICB) Continuing Healthcare (CHC) Fee Uplift 2023/2024
Freedom of Information Request**

The following information request looks to establish key information critical for Adult Social Care (ASC) providers to support the commissioning of CHC.

[Clarification - In relation to the attached FOI, we apologise for any confusion, but want to be clear that this FOI relates to continuing healthcare (CHC) funded by your ICB in residential nursing care homes for working age adult and for older people over the age of 65.

Q.1 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.

Lincolnshire ICB has the Lincolnshire Residential and Nursing Care Any Qualified Provider (AQP) for NHS Continuing Healthcare contract. The Lincolnshire Residential and Nursing Care AQP for NHS Continuing Healthcare rates were uplifted by 5% in 2023/24.

Lincolnshire Residential and Nursing Care AQP Rates

Type	Per week
AQP Fully Funded Bed for Nursing	£1,042.02

AQP Fully Funded Bed for Residential	£865.20
AQP Fast track in Nursing Home	£1,072.55
AQP Fast Track Residential Care	£894.29
1-1 Hourly payments	£17.16ph

Q.2 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.

Lincolnshire ICB spot purchases packages outside of the above contract. The ICB has non-AQP rates for Nursing and Residential homes listed below. For bespoke packages the rate is discussed between the Commissioner and Provider at the time of placement.

Type	Per week
Non AQP Fully Funded Bed for Nursing	£932.95
Non AQP Fully Funded Bed for Residential	£772.68
Non AQP Fast track in Nursing Home	£960.59
Non AQP Fast Track Residential Care	£799.21
1-1 Hourly payments	£17.16ph

Q.3 Please outline the process to set CHC uplifts within your ICB, and state how care providers were engaged in this process.

The Lincolnshire Residential and Nursing Care AQP contract states the rates will increase by 5% each financial year. During the procurement for Lincolnshire Residential and Nursing Care AQP we held market engagement event with providers and set out what the rates and increases would be each year.

AQP providers are written to each financial year advising them of the increase and a contract variation is sent out including that year's rates.

Non AQP providers on a framework rate are written to each financial year advising them of the increase. All other providers not on a framework that request an increase are written to offering a % increase or declining the request which they will confirm acceptance or appeal, which would then be escalated internally.

Q.4 Please provide a copy of any letter or letters sent to care providers communicating CHC uplifts made by your ICB.

Please see the attached files.

If applicable, providers that do not fall within a framework will be sent individual emails regarding uplifts.

Email addresses have been redacted from these files. This information is exempt from disclosure "to the world at large" i.e. into the public domain pursuant to section 40 (relating to personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act. This is because the data sought constitutes the personal information of the individuals in question. The disclosure of their names would identify them thereby breaching Section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018

and Article 21 of the UK General Data Protection Regulation. Personal data disclosed in response to a FOIA request would not constitute it being processed fairly and lawfully.

Q.5 Please outline the process and timeline for your ICB's approach to your 2024/2025 CHC uplift.

This information is not held by the ICB – the process for 2024/2025 has yet to be confirmed.

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.

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

Arden & GEM Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit
FOI TEAM/Corporate Communications Team
1st Floor, St John's House
East Street
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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the ICB.

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Yours faithfully

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**On behalf of
NHS Lincolnshire ICB**