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Our Ref: FOI/03287

Thank you for your request concerning the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) funding of Continuing Health Care (CHC).

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

I would like to know the full details of the CCG's decision-making process in this matter re CHC fees for 2018/19.

Your question states that the CCG has set its fees payable to independent care homes for continuing health care at the same rate as the local authority pays for nursing home care. Hertfordshire Partnership Foundation Trust is not a CCG, though we do "secondary commission", on behalf of the CCG, some CHC, for dementia care only.

We have not set our fees payable to independent care homes at the same rate as the local authority pays.

In terms of the specific questions:

- 1. Why the CCG believes that the care it funds for CHC, which is different in nature and intensity, should be paid at the same rate as the council pays for less dependent nursing needs?**

The right of access created by the Freedom of Information Act only applies to recorded information. This does not include requests asking for beliefs, wishes, opinions or general advice¹.

- 2. Has the CCG conducted any work to engage with care providers on CHC costs, quality and fees payable to ensure a sustainable market?**

Not at this time.

- 3. Does the CCG, under the NHS Standard Contract, offer a CQUIN to care homes?**

No, we do not.

¹ Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

4. **How does the CCG address the fact that people can and will top up LA funded nursing care meaning some homes may receive more funding for nursing care of a lesser need, organised and funded by the LA, than for CCG funded CHC care for higher primary nursing needs?**

We do not hold this information¹.

5. **I would like to know the full details of the CCG's decision-making process in this matter re CHC fees for 2018/19.**

All fee requests are considered on their own merits.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

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Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

