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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 16 January 2020 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to CQUIN policy. I now provide this information below.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

Signature Removed

Paddy Baker
Data Protection Officer
NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

CQUIN and Fee uplift FOI Questions:

Please answer these FOI questions in context of Nursing Care Home providers in which the CCG places Continuing Healthcare Funded (CHC) residents:

2018/19

1. What percentage annual fee uplift was offered to care home providers for inflation on existing CHC packages of care funded by your CCG for the period 2018/19?

Negotiated on an individual basis.

2. What was the CCGs approach to CQUIN in 2018/19 and what was the average CQUIN payment awarded to care homes in 2018/19 for residents in receipt of CHC funding?

Dorset CCG does not award CQUIN payments to care homes.

3. Of the total CQUIN amount paid in 2018/19, what percentage out of a potential 100% was actually paid to care home providers for this period?

Not applicable.

2019/20

4. What percentage annual fee uplift was offered to care home providers for inflation on existing CHC packages of care funded by your CCG for the period 2019/20? Please provide a copy of correspondence to providers explaining this.

PHC responded to requests for uplifts in 2019/20 on the basis of the volume and nature of services provided. PHC's standard offer was 2% - please see letter attached.

5. What was the CCGs approach to CQUIN in 2019/20 and what was the average CQUIN payment awarded to care homes in 2019/20 for residents in receipt of CHC funding for the periods to date (by month or by quarter)? Please provide a copy of correspondence to providers explaining this.

Dorset CCG does not award CQUIN payments to care homes.

6. The 2019/20 Operational Planning and Contracting guidance published in December 2018 and updated January 2019 specifically clause 3.2 (available on the following link) <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/nhs-operational-planning-and-contracting-guidance.pdf> stated that 50% of the 2.5% CQUIN (1.25%) should be added to CHC base fees. Please confirm if your CCG added this 1.25% to its base fee in addition to annual inflation and provide a copy of relevant correspondence to providers which outlined this to be the case or state how the CCG otherwise conformed with this guidance.

Not applicable.

7. Of the total remaining CQUIN amount (1.25%) to be paid in 2019/20, what percentage so far (by month or by quarter) out of a potential 100% which could have been paid (by month or by quarter) has been paid to care home providers for this period?

Not applicable.

8. Re the above question, please confirm if this was paid under the small contract exemption provision or whether providers were required to fulfil any quality criteria in order to achieve this funding. If criteria were required to be met, please state the criteria or quality metrics necessary and provide a copy of correspondence sent to providers outlining this.

Not applicable.

2020/21

9. What percentage annual fee uplift will be offered to care home providers for inflation on existing CHC packages of care funded by your CCG for the period 2020/21. If this has not been finalised, please confirm the approach to calculating this or whether NHS National Tariff guidance will form its basis of any fee uplift award (latest consultation link: https://improvement.nhs.uk/documents/6257/2021_NTPS_statutory_consultation_notice.pdf)

No decision has been taken at this stage.

10. For 2020/21 the above consultation guidance under clause 235 states that the 1.25% which was added to base fee should continue. Please confirm if this is to be the case by your CCG for the period 2020/21 and how the CCG will manage or is expecting to manage any CQUIN scheme for the remaining 1.25% for the period 2020/21 or whether this will also be added to the base fee under the small contract value provision in the national framework.

No decision has been taken at this stage.



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Your ref:

XX XX 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

Re - Request for Fee Uplift

I refer to your correspondence dated XXXXXXXXXX 2019, in relation to your intention to increase fees applicable to Personal Health Commissioning's service users for whom you currently provide care, by XXXXXXXXX %.

PHC is aware of the significant financial pressures faced by many Care Providers, including the increase in the National Minimum Wage mandated by HM Government. Whilst PHC is sympathetic in relation to these pressures, you will be aware that the NHS currently faces an extremely challenging financial landscape at present, which has required Dorset CCG to carefully consider all requests which will adversely impact upon costs.

[1 Uplift for all current patients accepted]

After due consideration, I am pleased to inform you that PHC accepts your proposal, and we are happy to accommodate this increase, backdated to the (insert date requested here). Appropriate adjustments will be made in due course to ensure the payment of any additional monies due from the agreed date of increase.

I trust the above is satisfactory, but please feel free to contact the PHC Commissioning Team if you wish to discuss further.

[2 Uplift accepted for new patients only]

After due consideration, I wish to inform you that PHC accepts your proposal to increase your rates for new patients only. We are happy to accommodate this increase, backdated to the (insert date requested here). Appropriate adjustments will be made in due course to ensure the payment of any additional monies due from the agreed date of increase.

*I trust the above is satisfactory, and I would be grateful for your written agreement to this offer **in due course**. Please feel free to contact the PHC Commissioning Team should you wish to discuss further.*

[3 Rate as agreed by Local Authority in accordance with the relevant Framework]

The services you offer are provided in accordance with a Framework Agreement between you, as the provider, and the Local Authority. PHC is a party to this Agreement. The appropriate rate for your services has been set by the Local Authority and as such PHC are unable to agree to any requests for uplifts exceeding this figure.

Please feel free to contact the PHC Commissioning Team should you wish to discuss further.

[4 Counter offer of XXX%]

I therefore regret to inform you that PHC cannot accommodate your proposed increase in full. In the circumstances I am constrained to offer an increase of xxxxx%. I appreciate that this will not meet your aspirations, but please feel free to contact the PHC Commissioning Team to discuss further should you so wish.

[5 FNC only]

The services you offer attract payment of Funded Nursing Care and the rate of FNC has already increased from £158.16 in 2018.19 to £165.56 in 2019.20 which represents an increase of 4.7%. Therefore, regretfully, we cannot agree to your request for an additional xxx%.

If we receive no further correspondence from you within 28 days of the date of this letter, we shall proceed on the basis that you have accepted our position.

Yours Sincerely

Stuart Hunter

