

Ref: 033FOI21.22 – Home Care Provider Costs

We are pleased to respond to your request for information and our response is set out below for NHS Kirklees CCG. When providing this response, we have considered the definitions and interpretations that you included in your request to us. Specifically, you defined the reference period as *'any period of seven consecutive days which includes Monday, 19 April 2021'*.

Request

The information requested is:

(a) The lowest rate per hour paid to any individual Homecare Provider during the Reference Period, expressed in pounds and pence per hour.

During 2021-22, the lowest rate per hour paid to individual homecare providers was £18.11 per hour. This rate was for general domiciliary care.

(b) The highest rate per hour paid to any individual Homecare Provider during the Reference Period, expressed in pounds and pence per hour.

During 2021-22, the highest rate paid by the CCG to individual homecare providers was £19.85 per hour. This rate was for complex domiciliary care cases.

(c) The average ("arithmetic mean") price per hour paid to all Homecare Providers for all hours of homecare services purchased during the Reference Period, expressed in pounds and pence per hour.

The information is not recorded in a format that displays the hourly rate per patient, therefore it is not possible for us to calculate the average price per hour for all hours of homecare services purchased in the reference period.

(d) The total hours of Homecare purchased from all Homecare Providers during the Reference Period.

For the period Monday 19/04/21 to Sunday 25/04/21 79 patients were provided with homecare. However, the CCG does not have the information you requested. Following a

system transfer and financial update for 21/22, the CCG does not currently hold the information in a format that is reportable.

(e) The total hours of Homecare purchased from all homecare providers during a seven-day period which includes Monday, 20th April 2020 (i.e. the figure which provides a like-for-like comparison with item (d), above, for the previous year).

For the period Monday 20/04/20 to Sunday 26/04/20 86 patients were provided with homecare. However, it is not possible to provide the total number of hours purchased from all homecare providers during the period as we do not have a record of this information in a format that is reportable.

(f) Your organisation's total spend on Homecare Services purchased from all Homecare Providers during the Reference Period.

For the period Monday 19/04/21 to Sunday 25/04/21: £24,432. Please note: a number of these patients are covered by our block contract commissioning arrangement for domiciliary care CHC Fast Tracks- it is not possible to capture this funding in the response.

(g) In relation to contracts held with independent and voluntary sector Homecare Providers:

(i) Whether your organisation has imposed a contractual requirement that any Homecare Provider pay their workers an hourly rate above the prevailing rate of the statutory National Minimum Wage (including the statutory National Living Wage). Please answer "Yes" or "No".

No.

(ii) The minimum pay rate specified, in pounds and pence per hour, if the answer to question (g)(i), above, was "Yes".

Not applicable.

(h) In relation to how you have calculated the price(s) you pay for Homecare:

(i) Whether, in the financial years 2019-20, 2020-21 or 2021-22, you have undertaken a numerical calculation of the hourly cost of a homecare service to assure yourself that the price(s) you pay to independent and voluntary sector Homecare Providers

covers their costs and expectations of a profit or surplus. Please answer “yes” or “no”.

No - The CCG has set the price for homecare at the same level as Kirklees Council.

We do not calculate the domiciliary care hourly rates within the CCG but we apply the annual uplifts proposed by the Local Authority.

(ii) If your answer to question (h)(i) was “yes”, please supply a copy of the most recent numerical calculation referred to in your answer, including the financial year to which it relates. For the avoidance of doubt, this question asks you to supply a numerical calculation, rather than a narrative description of the factors which you have considered in setting the prices paid.

Not applicable.