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Re: Freedom of Information Request – Continuing Healthcare (CHC) and Continence

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 10th January 2020.

You Asked for:

1. If your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) pays a monetary amount to care homes on a weekly per resident basis:
 - a) What is the current amount paid per resident in residential homes?
 - b) What is the current amount paid per resident in nursing homes?
 - c) How many continence aids is this amount deemed to cover per day/week?
 - d) What is the process to secure further funding for residents who have a higher demand for continence aids above the allowance provision?
 - e) What is the evidence to substantiate that the amount paid for continence products to residents is sufficient?
2. If your CCG pays a monetary amount to care homes on a weekly per resident basis:
 - a) Does it pay the same amount regardless of how the resident is funded ie Self-Funded, Local Authority Funded or CHC Funded?
 - b) Or does the CCG assume that any Funded Nursing Care (FNC) or CHC monies paid per resident includes provision of continence products?
 - i. And if so, please state the amount that is deemed to be included in the FNC or CHC rate paid to providers either directly or via a Local Authority?
3. If your CCG provides free issue pads to care homes on a per resident basis:
 - a) What is the evidence that the number of continence pads provided per resident is sufficient for the person's needs?
 - i. In residential homes.
 - ii. In nursing homes.
 - b) What is the minimal allocation per resident?
 - c) What is the process or factors which will determine how a care home can seek a higher number of pads per resident?
 - d) What is the process to secure further provision for residents who have a higher demand for continence aids above the allocated provision?

4. Please state the contact details of a person within the CCG with whom our member care homes can further discuss the ongoing continence needs of their residents (name, title, contact number, address and email).

Our Response:

1. Please see below:
 - a) This is determined on a case by case basis.
 - b) Please see the answer for question number 1a.
 - c) For information regarding continence aids, may I suggest that you contact Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP). I have included their email address for your information – FOI@cwpa.nhs.uk.
 - d) Please see the answer to question 1c.
 - e) Please see the answer to question 1c.
2. Please see below:
 - a) No.
 - b) No.
3. Please see the answer to question 1c.
4. Please see the answer to question 1c.

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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