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## **Re: Freedom of Information Request - Covid patients**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

### **You Asked for:**

Please can you tell me if the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) offered higher fees to care homes if they accepted Covid patients from hospital at any point since March 2020?

If so, please tell me –

1. How much was paid per patient?
2. How much had previously been paid?
3. What date this offer was made to care homes?
4. The names of the care homes that received the increased payment.
5. How many Covid patients each home accepted since March 2020?

If you sent out a letter or email to care homes communicating this increased fee, please include it in your response.

If care homes signed a contract with the CCG to accept Covid patients from hospital please also include this in your response.

### **Our Response:**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have not offered higher fees to care homes to accept Covid patients being discharged from hospital. NHS Wirral CCG did initially investigate the potential to set up designated settings within Wirral care homes but unfortunately, no Wirral based home had the infrastructure to safely deliver this at the time so alternative pathways were commissioned as a safe step down for COVID-19 patients. These pathways were provided in conjunction with Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH) and Wirral Borough Council (WBC).

Outside of this, a number of patients were transferred to a designated COVID-19 unit based in an out of area care home. This was commissioned by NHS Halton CCG and opened up to Cheshire and Merseyside patients.

Please can I suggest that you contact them directly for further information? I have included their contact details below, should you wish to do so.

- WUTH – [wih-tr.accesstoinformationoffice@nhs.net](mailto:wih-tr.accesstoinformationoffice@nhs.net)
- WBC – [informationmanager@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:informationmanager@wirral.gov.uk)
- NHS Halton CCG - [haltonccg.foi@nhs.net](mailto:haltonccg.foi@nhs.net)

The Local Authority (LA) has more recently allocated grants to care homes to make required changes to their care homes to allow them to safely deliver designated settings this winter.

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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