

Ref: FOI/00313/CMICB
18 April 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
ICB Policy on Increasing Contract Values**

Thank you for your information request indicated in bold below, which has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB). I am able to provide you with the following information and responses.

Please note from 01 July 2022, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) were disestablished, and their statutory functions and responsibilities inherited by NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB.

Your Request:

I would like to understand the impact of inflation on commissioned healthcare services. Please can you provide me with:

- 1) Your ICB policy on increasing contract values?**
- 2) By what % has the ICB increased the value of contracts over the last 12 months?**

Our Response:

1) Please be advised that NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have a specific policy on increasing contact values each year, as this will depend on the individual contract terms and/or the agreed historic approach (e.g. linked to national NHS tariff uplift for those elements of NHS Acute provider contracts covered by tariff pricing).

The only exception to this is that historically, the Care Home and Domiciliary Care annual fee uplifts have been linked to the percentage uplift agreed by the prevailing Local Authority's annual fee review, utilising their agreed methodology and therefore they all naturally differ by Local Authority area due to local market conditions.

2) As the ICB does not have a universal uplift approach, it is not possible to give a percentage that has been applied to all contracts in the last 12 months, but as outlined for those contracts covered by national tariff, the ICB uplift will be the same percentage uplift as published by NHS England nationally.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that, where you are not satisfied with the response to your request for information, a formal complaints and internal review process is available.

This can be formally requested by emailing foi@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk and must be done within a reasonable time period (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you remain dissatisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at;

The Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

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Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us quoting the above FOI reference.