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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding fees payable to independent care homes within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

### Request/Response:

1. Why the CCG believes that the care it funds for CHC, which is different in nature and intensity, should be paid at the same rate as the council pays for less dependent nursing needs?

The CCG procures packages of care for patients who are eligible for Continuing Health Care utilising a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS). Providers will submit costs based on meeting the need of the patient. Funding is therefore not the same as Local Authority.

2. Has the CCG conducted any work to engage with care providers on CHC costs, quality and fees payable to ensure a sustainable market?

Both Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (MLCSU), who the CCG commission to undertake and support the CHC process and ADAM, the digital technology company who provide administrative support for the DPS have carried out a number of engagement events with care providers. Further engagement sessions are planned by ADAM to ensure providers are able to submit appropriate costs to meet need.

3. Does the CCG, under the NHS Standard Contract, offer a CQUIN to care homes?

No

4. How does the CCG address the fact that people can and will top up LA funded nursing care meaning some homes may receive more funding for nursing care of a lesser need, organised and funded by the LA, than for CCG funded CHC care for higher primary nursing needs?

Providers will submit costs for packages care which will meet the needs of CHC eligible patients via the DPS. The provider will account for the cost of meeting the individual needs of the patient and as such submissions from different nursing homes for the same package



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of care will vary. The nursing home provider will take into account the level of nursing input as part of their submission to the CCG. The CCG assesses costs submitted utilising a quality and finance model with an increased weighting for quality of care.