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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

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

### Request/Response:

- 1) Information regarding the tariffs or fee structure paid to independent providers of domiciliary care, to include the specific rates paid currently, and previously back as far as 2014.

NHS Southport and Formby CCG do not have tariffs or a fee structure for independent providers of home/domiciliary care. Although in the past, where this could be agreed, some care packages had commissioned at a rate of £10.94 for non-complex and £13.66 for complex care.

In 2016/17 NHS Southport and Formby CCG agreed a rate for home/domiciliary care package of £13.00 for fully funded care packages which were below this rate. A further 1% uplift was agreed in October 2017, and then 1% in April 2018.

In May 2017, NHS Southport and Formby CCG introduced a Dynamic Purchasing System, DPS, for the commissioning of CHC care packages. Under DPS providers competitively bid for care packages, and are free to submit their own rates.

- 2) The processes or protocols for identifying and commissioning suitable independent domiciliary care providers.

In May 2017, NHS Southport and Formby CCG introduced a Dynamic Purchasing System, DPS, for the commissioning of CHC care packages. In order to do this, providers are required to enrol onto the DPS system, and amongst other things, provide information in regard to the area covered (post codes), and service categories, e.g. EoL, MH, PD etc.

Where a home/domiciliary care package is required, the system will notify all relevant providers who are able to service the needs of the service user. This will be dependent on post code coverage and service categories provided. These providers are able to make an offer for the care package via the DPS system.