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Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-4005-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 17 April 2024.

We can confirm that the ICB does hold the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. Please could I ask for the following information related to **Personal Health Budgets (Direct Payments)** that you are responsible for under NHS LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH CUMBRIA INTEGRATED CARE BOARD?

What is the standard rate set at for **carers in Personal Health Budgets (Direct Payments)** when calculating a PHB?

National Minimum Wage 2024 rate is £11.44

2. What is the process for determining this rate for carers within a **Personal Health Budget (Direct Payment)**?

This is the standard rate. However following an assessment by the PHB nurse, may vary according to the complexity of the patient's care needs.

3. Which organisation decides / has authority on setting/finalising this rate (e.g. ICB, Local Authority, etc) for Personal Health Budgets (Direct Payments) that you are responsible for under NHS LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH CUMBRIA INTEGRATED CARE BOARD?

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board.

Right of Appeal

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net or by post to Jubilee House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you require a review.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the CCGs FOI complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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