

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Integrated Care Boards.

Question:

Please provide the following information held by your Integrated Care Board, as at the most recent date for which data is available (please state the date to which any figures relate). If your ICB records this information separately by service area (for example Continuing Healthcare versus domiciliary or community care), please provide the data for the most relevant category or clearly note which service area the figures relate to.

1. How many care packages is your ICB currently commissioning on a spot-purchase basis from providers who are on an organised framework agreement or Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)? Please break this down by:
 - HCA-led packages
 - Registered Nurse-led packages
2. What is the average charge rate for the spot-purchased packages identified in question 1? Please provide the average hourly rate (or other applicable unit) broken down by HCA-led and Registered Nurse-led packages.
3. For the spot-purchased packages identified in question 1, are any additional fees charged in addition to the standard hourly rate (for example: invoice processing fees, bank holiday premiums, mileage or travel costs, administration fees, out-of-hours supplements)? If yes, please provide full details of these fees and how they are applied.
4. Please list all providers currently used by your ICB to deliver care packages on a spot-purchase basis.
5. Please list all framework agreements and Dynamic Purchasing Systems (DPS) currently in place within your ICB for the commissioning of care packages. For each framework or DPS, please indicate:
 - Whether it is divided into lots (e.g. by geography or service type)
 - Whether any mandatory, maximum or minimum rates are attached to the framework/DPS or to individual lots. If yes, please provide the rates.

6. How many care packages is your ICB currently commissioning via call-off contracts or other arrangements under the frameworks and DPS listed in question 5 (i.e. not on a spot-purchase basis)?

7. For each framework or DPS currently in place, how many providers have a place on it?

Answer:

Integrated Care Boards are part of the structure of the NHS in England. There are no Integrated Care Boards in NHS Scotland, which is structured differently.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at <https://www.foi.scot/appeal>. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the reviewer at the address at the top of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI>

Yours sincerely

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