

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/279

Subject: Continuing Healthcare (CHC) Fee Uplift 2023/2024

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Pre-amble To provide adult social care providers with the most recent information regarding integrated care boards (ICBs) continuing healthcare (CHC) fee uplifts for 2023/2024. The following information request looks to establish key information critical for Adult Social Care (ASC) providers to support the commissioning of CHC.</p> <p>NOTE: If your ICB operates different uplift or uplift processes by former CCG or at a place level, please ensure your response is broken down by individual area etc.</p> <p>Clarification received 25/10/23: In relation to the attached FOI, we apologise for any confusion, but want to be clear that this FOI relates to continuing healthcare (CHC) funded by your ICB in residential nursing care homes for working age adult and for older people over the age of 65.</p>	
<p>Q.1 Please confirm if your ICB operates on a CHC framework with a single, or range of rates, and confirm the rate/s and any criteria relevant to these rates, along with any annual uplift applied to these framework rate/s for the period 2023/24.</p>	<p>The ICB employs two approaches to purchasing care from nursing home providers:</p> <p>Bristol and South Gloucestershire – the ICB does not operate a formal framework. Fees are negotiated on a provider-by-provider basis. An annual uplift of 8% was applied to CHC nursing home fees in 2023/24.</p>

	<p>North Somerset – nursing home care is purchased by North Somerset Council on behalf of the ICB. Please contact North Somerset Council directly for details about the care frameworks that they operate. An annual uplift of 9.6% was applied to CHC nursing home fees in 2023/24.</p>
<p>Q.2 If your ICB places CHC residents outside of a CHC framework with a single, or range of rates, please confirm the rates and any criteria relevant to these rates, and confirm the uplift applied to these rates for the period 2023/24.</p>	<p>See above</p>
<p>Q.3 Please outline the process to set CHC uplifts within your ICB, and state how care providers were engaged in this process.</p>	<p>The ICB works in partnership with the three BNSSG local authorities in defining an annual uplift offer. The local authorities have a statutory responsibility for care market development and sustainability in each of their respective areas and have well-established mechanisms to engage with the care sector around this issue.</p> <p>In 2023/24 the ICB broadly aligned its uplift offer with that of each respective local authority, reflecting the differing nature of each care market.</p>
<p>Q.4 Please provide a copy of any letter or letters sent to care providers communicating CHC uplifts made by your ICB.</p>	<p>A copy of the template letter issued by the ICB to Bristol and South Gloucestershire nursing home providers in 2023/24 is enclosed.</p>
<p>Q.5 Please outline the process and timeline for your ICB's approach to your 2024/2025 CHC uplift.</p>	<p>The ICB will begin work on shaping the uplift offer in January 2024 and will engage with three BNSSG local authorities, drawing on their interaction with the care sector.</p>



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	<p>The ICB cannot make an uplift offer to care providers until it has received confirmation of its operating budget allocation for 2024/25, and so it is not possible at this stage to set an exact timescale. In previous years the uplift offer has been issued between March and May.</p>
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 17 November 2023 and has been approved for release by Denise Moorhouse, Deputy Chief Nursing Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.



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12th May 2023

Dear Provider

**Uplift to Bristol and South Gloucestershire Continuing Healthcare (CHC)
Care Home Placements for financial year 2023/24**

I am writing to inform you that as of 1st April 2023 the ICB will be offering an uplift of **8%** to all current Bristol and South Gloucestershire Care Home placements and for any new placements going forward that are agreed in this financial year based on the agreed rates currently in place.

Please note the following:

- The existing CHC reference numbers provided to you within current service users' Individual Placement Agreements will remain the same.
- Any patient identifiable information on invoices will result in them needing to be amended and reissued, which will cause a delay in the invoices being processed.
- If invoices are received in excess of the agreed uplift rate they will not be processed. If this occurs, we will be asking for invoices to be reissued, potentially causing a delay in payment.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you throughout 2023/24.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email by emailing bnssg.chcpayments@nhs.net by **Wednesday 31st May 2023**.

Yours sincerely

Continuing Healthcare Commissioning Team
BNSSG ICB

