

FOI 1676

13<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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### **Question**

(a) The lowest rate per hour paid to any individual Homecare Provider during the Reference Period, expressed in pounds and pence per hour.

### **Answer**

Currently the SHSCT is paying £18.08 per hour in line with the regional tariff rate per Strategic Planning and Performance Group instructions directly from the Department of Health.

### **Question**

(b) The **highest** rate per hour paid to any individual Homecare Provider during the Reference Period, expressed in pounds and pence per hour.

### **Answer**

The SHSCT pays one rate per hour, as outlined in part (A)

### **Question**

(c) The **average** (“arithmetic mean”) price per hour paid to **all** Homecare Providers for all hours of Homecare services purchased during the Reference Period, expressed in pounds and pence per hour.

### **Answer**

The SHSCT pays one rate per hour, as outlined in part (A)

### **Question**

(d) The **total hours** of Homecare purchased from **all** Homecare Providers during the Reference Period.

### **Answer**

Commissioned Homecare hours total 29,842 for a week period surrounding Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

### **Question**

(e) The **total hours** of Homecare purchased from **all** Homecare Providers during a seven-day period which includes Monday, 18 April **2022** (i.e. the figure which provides a like-for-like comparison with item (d), above, for the previous year).

### **Answer**

Commissioned Homecare hours total 30,414 for a week period surrounding Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

### **Question**

(f) Your organisation's **total spend** on Homecare services purchased from **all** Homecare Providers during the Reference Period.

### **Answer**

The Southern Health and Social Care Trust spent £540k on commissioned Homecare hours for a week period surrounding Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### **Question**

(g) The **total number** of Care Packages handed back by **all** Homecare Providers between Friday, 1 April **2022** and Friday, 31 March **2023**.

### **Answer**

249 Packages of Care handed back between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

### **Question**

(h) The **total number** of Care Packages handed back by **all** Homecare Providers between Thursday, 1 April **2021** and Thursday, 31 March **2022** (i.e. the figure which provides a like-for-like comparison with item (g), above, for the previous year).

### **Answer**

372 Packages of Care handed back between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**Questions (a)-(h) refer to Homecare services exclusively. The following questions (i) and (j) relate to all social care services, including Homecare services.**

### **Question**

(i) The **total number** of people aged 65 years and over who were awaiting assessment, review or the start of a care service on Monday, 17 April **2023** (or on a date as close to this as possible).

### **Answer**

565 Clients awaiting a Package of Care.

### **Question**

(j) The **total number** of people aged 65 years and over who were awaiting assessment, review or the start of a care service on Monday, 18 April **2022** (or on a date as close to this as possible) (i.e. the figure which provides a like-for-like comparison with item (i), above, for the previous year).

### **Answer**

449 Clients awaiting a Package of Care.

For answers to question (i) and (j) the patients have been assessed and are now outstanding/awaiting a package of care being offered from the providers. Some of those on the waiting list will have clients who get a package of care but want a change of provider.