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Swansea Bay University
Health Board

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[REDACTED],

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 17th June 2021. Your request sought information relating to homecare providers.

Please note that Swansea Bay University Health Board commission domiciliary care from a small number of Providers. Some packages of care are solely commissioned by the Health Board and others are jointly commissioned with our Local Authority colleagues. The Health Board covers a wide geographical footprint and as such hourly cost will vary depending on location, volume of care provided, and type of care - nursing or personal care provision.

This figure will only account for the externally commissioned domiciliary care. As a Health Board, we have our in-house provision. Predominately care hours are delivered by the Health Boards Community Teams.

- (a) The lowest rate per hour paid to any individual Homecare Provider during the Reference Period, expressed in pounds and pence per hour.**
- (b) The highest rate per hour paid to any individual Homecare Provider during the Reference Period, expressed in pounds and pence per hour.**
- (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.**
- (d) The total hours of Homecare purchased from all Homecare Providers during the Reference Period.**



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(e) The total hours of Homecare purchased from all homecare providers during a seven-day period which includes Monday, 20th April 2020 (i.e. the figure which provides a like-for-like comparison with item (d), above, for the previous year).

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

Response to question (a) to (f) below:

OVER 65 DOM CARE PACKAGE OVERVIEW						
W/c 20.04.2020 & 19.04.2021						
	Number of Domiciliary Care Providers Commissioned During Period	Lowest Hourly Rate £	Highest Hourly Rate £	Average Hourly Rate £	Total ANNUAL Domiciliary Care Hours	TOTAL ANNUAL SPEND £
20.04.20	17	14.92	46.34	24.87	35287.39	791,589.39
19.04.21	19	8.92	62.57	23.77	33223.45	901,213.34

(g) In relation to contracts held with independent and voluntary sector Homecare Providers:

(i) Whether your organisation has imposed a contractual requirement that any Homecare Provider pay their workers an hourly rate above the prevailing rate of the statutory National Minimum Wage (including the statutory National Living Wage). Please answer Yes/No

No

(ii) The minimum pay rate specified, in pounds and pence per hour, if the answer to question (g)(i), above, was "Yes".

Not applicable.

(h) In relation to how you have calculated the price(s) you pay for Homecare:

(i) Whether, in the financial years 2019-20, 2020-21 or 2021-22, you have undertaken a numerical calculation of the hourly cost of a homecare service to assure yourself that the price(s) you pay to independent and voluntary sector Homecare Providers covers their costs and expectations of a profit or surplus.

No, we pay the standard rate that the provider charges



(ii) If your answer to question (h)(i) was "yes", please supply a copy of the most recent numerical calculation referred to in your answer, including the financial year to which it relates. For the avoidance of doubt, this question asks you to supply a numerical calculation, rather than a narrative description of the factors which you have considered in setting the prices paid.

Not applicable.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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