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Dear

Re: Request for information under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received on Tuesday 22 August 2017.

The CCG is confirming in accordance with Section - (1) (a) of the Act, it holds the information requested and (b) is supplying it unless otherwise specified.

You requested the following information.

- 1.
Does the CCG have an approved policy which defines a threshold of funding packages of care for patients eligible for CHC funded care?**

Yes.

- 2.
If yes, what is the current threshold of funding packages of care for patients who are eligible for CHC funded care?**

10% of the most clinically safe most cost effective option

- 3.
Does the CCG have a panel/meeting that considers the funding requests for CHC packages of care?**

Yes, High Cost Panel, if proposed fee exceeds £1500 per week

More generally all cases that are recommended as eligible are approved by a weekly verification panel meeting. The approval process is primarily for eligibility decision. Subsequent to this packages of care are agreed that meet the needs of the individual, are quality assured, are cost effective and in line with the CCGs Individual Package of Care (IPOC) policy.

4.

If yes, how does the panel determine if someone should be supported in receiving funding in excess of the agreed threshold and how is that authorised?

Exceptionality would require demonstration. Panel consider evidence and alternatives and make decision accordingly in line with the criteria set out within the IPOC (when the policy was first produced we took legal advice and we have also recently taken legal advice on the policy and the issue of exceptionality).

Please refer to the attached policy titled NHS NEW Devon CCG Individual Package of Care Policy. This is also available to download from our website here; <https://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/nhs-funded-patients/nhs-continuing-healthcare-nhs-chc-100176>

Satisfaction

I trust this matter has been dealt with to your satisfaction but if there is anything which you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 01392 205205 or by email at d-ccg.foi@nhs.net Please remember to quote the reference number at the top of this letter in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you can write to the office and arrangements will be made for an independent review. You of course can write directly to the CCGs Chief Officer if you prefer using the “contact us” details displayed on the CCG website.

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Yours sincerely,

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