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Subject:	Commissioning of Care Packages
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Requested:

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:
 - a. HCA-led packages
 - b. 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:
 - a. Whether it is divided into lots (e.g. by geography or service type)
 - b. 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?

If possible, please provide the information in Excel or a similar structured format to aid comparison across ICBs.

Response:

Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) are a feature of the NHS in England. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is a part of NHS Wales and is an integrated Local Health Board, responsible for the planning and provision of primary, community and in hospital services, based on the needs of the local community across three (3) counties.

The UHB provides the requested information within an excel spreadsheet as requested, at Attachment 1.