

Reference:	FOI.7177.21
Subject:	Continuing Healthcare and Funded Nursing Care
Date of Request:	14 October 2021

Requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you complete the below FOI questions in relation to your organisation's Continuing Healthcare (CHC) and Funded-Nursing Care (FNC).

1. What was your organisations total Continuing Healthcare (CHC) spend for the following financial years:
19/20 (April 2019 to March 2020)
20/21 (April 2020 to March 2021)
2. How many eligible CHC cases did the organisation have at the end of the following financial years:
19/20
20/21
3. What was the average CHC conversion rate at the organisation in the following years. Conversion rates measure the percentage of NHS CHC assessments that result in eligibility for CHC:
19/20
20/21
4. What was your organisations total Funded-Nursing Care (FNC) spend for the following financial years:
19/20
20/21
5. How many eligible FNC cases did the organisation have at the end of the following financial years:
19/20
20/21
6. What was the average FNC conversion rate at the organisation in the following years. Conversion rates measure the percentage of NHS FNC assessments that result in eligibility for FNC:
19/20
20/21

Clarification

Please could I confirm that this is for adult CHC only.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested for questions 3 and 6, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit

and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the data requested, the UHB would need to identify the patients from the UHB’s Eligibility & Quality Assurance Panel meetings and undertake a manual trawl of patients’ notes for the two financial years requested, to identify the number of Continuing Healthcare (CHC) and Funded-Nursing Care (FNC) decisions and calculate the average conversion rate, as this information is not recorded centrally.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under Section 16 of the FoIA, we are required as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request under FoIA. Therefore, the UHB provides the information for questions 1, 2, 4, and 5 below.

1. The UHB provides, within the table below, the total CHC spend, during the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Financial year	Total spend
2019/20	£45,400,109.62
2020/21	£49,127,555.69

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of eligible CHC cases the UHB had, as at 31 March for the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Financial year	Number
2019/20	927
2020/21	935

Please note:- the figures provided for questions 1 and 2 include Section 117 aftercare patients.

4. The UHB provides, within the table below, the total FNC spend, during the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21

Financial year	Total spend
2019/20	£3,102,352.32
2020/21	£2,798,713.11

5. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of eligible FNC cases the UHB had, as at 31 March for the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Financial year	Number
2019/20	340
2020/21	265