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Dear Mr Bracher

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your information request indicated in bold below, which has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by NHS South Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), and I am able to provide you with the following information and responses.

You asked:

I work for the Spinal Injuries Association (SIA), the leading national user-led charity supporting spinal cord injured people and their families. Being a user led organisation SIA understand the challenges of living with a spinal cord injury (SCI). We strive to support all people living with SCI to access the services and support they need to stay healthy and live full, fulfilling and active lives.

Part of my role is to assist the Head of Public Affairs with FOI requests, such as the one that follows. As a request under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the following information about the provision of NHS Continuing Health Care for adults by your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG):

1. How many adults in your CCG currently receive NHS Continuing Health Care?

NHS South Cheshire CCG currently provides 121 adults with NHS Continuing Health Care

2. How many adults in your CCG currently receive each of the following:

- a) **Fully funded NHS Continuing Health Care packages of care?**
- b) **Joint funded Local Authority / NHS Continuing Health Care packages of care?**
- c) **NHS funded nursing care?**
- d) **"Care at Home" NHS Continuing Health Care packages care?**



Please see the table below in response to the questions above:-

		NHS South Cheshire CCG
a	Fully funded NHS Continuing Health Care packages of care?	121
b	Joint funded Local Authority / NHS Continuing Health Care packages of care?	37
c	NHS funded nursing care?	438
d	"Care at Home" NHS Continuing Health Care packages care?	41

3. What was the total NHS Continuing Health Care budget for adults in your CCG in 2015-16?

NHS South Cheshire CCG had a budget of £11,645,000 for the provision of NHS Continuing Health Care for adults in 2015/2016.

Please note that the figure above also includes Complex Mental Health and Complex Learning Disability patients who will not have had an NHS Continuing Health Care assessment.

4. What was the actual amount spent on NHS Continuing Health Care for adults by your CCG in 2015-16?

NHS South Cheshire CCG spent £12,382,369 on the provision of NHS Continuing Health Care for adults in 2015/2016.

Please note that the figure above also includes Complex Mental Health and Complex Learning Disability patients who will not have had an NHS Continuing Health Care assessment.

5. For each of the following categories, what was the actual amount spent by your CCG in 2015-16 for those adults in receipt of:

- a) Fully funded NHS Continuing Health Care packages of care?
- b) Joint funded Local Authority / NHS Continuing Health Care packages of care?
- c) NHS funded nursing care?
- d) "Care at Home" NHS Continuing Health Care packages of care?

Please see the table below for answers to the above questions:-

a)	Fully funded NHS Continuing Health Care packages of care	£5,775,564
b)	Joint funded Local Authority / NHS Continuing Health Care packages of care	£327,823
c)	NHS funded nursing care	£2,735,317
d)	"Care at Home" NHS Continuing Health Care packages of care	Expenditure for this category is not recorded separately but included in a) above.

6. What was the total NHS Continuing Health Care budget for adults in your CCG in 2016-17?

NHS South Cheshire CCG had a budget of £12,407,000 for the provision of NHS Continuing Health Care for adults in 2016/2017.

Please note that the figure above also includes Complex Mental Health and Complex Learning Disability patients who will not have had an NHS Continuing Health Care assessment.



7. What was the actual amount spent on NHS Continuing Health Care for adults by your CCG in 2016-17?

NHS South Cheshire CCG spent £15,200,765 on the provision of NHS Continuing Health Care for adults in 2016/2017.

Please note that the figure above also includes Complex Mental Health and Complex Learning Disability patients who will not have had an NHS Continuing Health Care assessment.

8. For each of the following categories, what was the actual amount spent by your CCG in 2016-17 for those adults in receipt of:

- a) Fully funded NHS Continuing Health Care packages of care?
- b) Joint funded Local Authority / NHS Continuing Health Care packages of care?
- c) NHS funded nursing care?
- d) "Care at Home" NHS Continuing Health Care packages of care?

Please see the table below for answers to the above questions:-

a)	Fully funded NHS Continuing Health Care packages of care	£5,450,379
b)	Joint funded Local Authority / NHS Continuing Health Care packages of care	£123,708
c)	NHS funded nursing care	£4,022,501
d)	"Care at Home" NHS Continuing Health Care packages of care	Expenditure for this category is not recorded separately but included in a) above.

9. What is your CCG's total NHS Continuing Health Care budget for adults for each of the years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20?

NHS South Cheshire CCG had a budget of £15,783,000 for the provision of NHS Continuing Health Care for adults in 2017/2018.

The budgets for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 have not yet been allocated.

10. If your response to Question 9 shows you propose to maintain your NHS Continuing Health Care budget at current levels or reduce your NHS Continuing Health Care budget for adults in your CCG, please provide a full explanation of how you will achieve this without making unlawful decisions about eligibility or reducing the size of packages of care.

Budgets are allocated to meet the needs of the population and NHS South Cheshire CCG does not make decisions on NHS Continuing Health Care eligibility based on scarcity of financial resources. Eligibility is based on the criteria outlined in the National Framework for NHS Continuing Health Care, which ensures that all decisions are fair and equitable.

If you have any queries or concerns, wish to request a review of our response or are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to this Freedom of Information request, please do not hesitate to contact the Governance & Compliance team; details provided at the top of this letter.

If you request a review of our response and are not content with the subsequent outcome, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Freedom of Information complaints procedure provided by NHS South Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group.



The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Whitehouse', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Simon Whitehouse
Chief Executive
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