

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2526/176

**Subject:** CHC Funded Care and Discharge to Assess (Pathway 1)

*I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
	<p>Please provide the information you hold relating to NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) for adults, Children and Young People's Continuing Care (CYPCC) for children, and hospital discharges under Pathway 1 (commonly referred to as Discharge to Assess or Home First).</p> <p>Definitions (for this request):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CHC-funded care refers to the NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) pathway for adults aged 18+.</li> <li>▪ Children and Young People's Continuing Care (CYPCC) refers to the NHS framework for funding and delivering care for children and young people aged 0–17 with complex or long-term health needs.</li> <li>▪ Homecare refers to packages of care delivered in the individuals' own homes (not in care homes or residential facilities).</li> <li>▪ Discharge to Assess (D2A) refers to hospital discharge pathway 1 ('Home First'), where patients are discharged home (or to a usual place of residence) with new or additional health and/or social care needs. This is explained further in the <a href="#">following NHS guidance</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Please provide data for the following financial years (Year ending March): 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 (forecast, if available). For any years that predate the existence of the ICB, please provide the data for the former CCG(s) that now make up the ICB.</p> <p>Note: If exact figures are not available for all years, please provide the nearest equivalent data held (e.g. partial years, estimates, or combined categories) and note any limitations.</p>

Section 1: CHC-funded care (adults) and CYPCC (children)

Please note for questions 1-4: The ICB does not collect data in the way it has been requested, however we have provided the total figures and number of patients requiring packages of care where possible. It is not possible to supply this information within the 18 hour limit. It would require checking each CHC patient record, therefore, the ICB has exempted the information under Section 12 (Cost compliance exceeds appropriate limit).

1) Please provide the ICB's total gross expenditure on CHC-funded packages for <u>adults aged 18+</u> , split by care setting.		Homecare	Care / nursing home	Other	Total
	2021/22				£59,850,153
	2022/23				£45,438,200
	2023/24				£89,904,708
	2024/25				£98,117,010
	2025/26 (forecast)				£97,536,000
2) Please provide the ICB's total gross expenditure on CYPCC-funded packages for <u>children aged 0-17</u> , split by care setting.		Homecare	Care / nursing home	Other	Total
	2021/22				£4,349,177
	2022/23				£3,624,456
	2023/24				£4,504,094
	2024/25				£3,369,398
	2025/26 (forecast)				£3,612,000

- 3) Please provide the cumulative number of adults aged 18+ in receipt of CHC-funded care packages (all active packages during the year, including those which started prior)

	Homecare	Care / nursing home	Other	Total
2021/22				3321
2022/23				3587
2023/24				3436
2024/25				3370
2025/26 (forecast)				

The ICB is unable to predict the number of patients required a package of care in current year.

- 4) Please provide the cumulative number of children aged 0-17 in receipt of CYPCC-funded care packages (all active packages during the year, including those which started prior)

	Homecare	Care / nursing home	Other	Total
2021/22				31
2022/23				30
2023/24				32
2024/25				27
2025/26 (forecast)				

The ICB is unable to predict the number of patients required a package of care in current year.

- 5) Please provide a list of the top 10 providers who received the greatest amount of funding from CHC/CYPCC-funded homecare packages (adults and children) for the last financial year 2024/25. For each provider provide the total expenditure and number of packages in the year (all active packages during the year, including those which started prior)

	Provider name	Total expenditure	Number of packages
Provider 1	Verve Homecare		27
Provider 2	Olive Leaf Health & Homecare		58
Provider 3	Fresh Haven		196
Provider 4	Network Ventures		414
Provider 5	Prestige Nursing		9
Provider 6	Courtfield Healthcare		48
Provider 7	Seren Healthcare		18
Provider 8	Bluebird Care		38
Provider 9	Newcross Healthcare Solutions Ltd		6
Provider 10	MJ Home Care Staffing Ltd		26

The ICB has applied Section 43(2) to the disclosure of the expenditure information requested. Section 43(2) exempts from disclosure information which would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of an organisation. The ICB believes that

	<p>disclosure of the information would prejudice the commercial interests of the providers in the attached list.</p> <p>The ICB has previously contacted a subset of the providers who have confirmed that the information is considered commercially confidential to them. The ICB has considered the information provided by the providers when applying the public interest test to the exemption.</p> <p>The public interest arguments in favour of disclosing the information include the ICB's responsibility to be transparent and accountable in its decision making and to promote public understanding of how the NHS works. These care packages are paid for through general taxation and therefore the public have an interest in whether services commissioned by the ICB represent value for money. Each month the ICB publishes all spend over £30k and any spend over this amount will be included in this published information. Therefore, the ICB does publish a high level of expenditure for the public to scrutinise.</p> <p>The public interest argument in favour of maintaining the exemption includes the confirmation from providers that the information relating to expenditure is considered commercially sensitive and would prejudice their commercial interests as the provider could be at a competitive disadvantage if this information was disclosed.</p> <p>The ICB has determined that disclosing the information would prejudice the commercial interests of current providers and therefore</p>
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	<p>disclosure may result in current providers and possibly future providers not offering packages of care to the ICB. Providers may consider that offering packages to the ICB would constitute a risk of competitive disadvantage for them. The ICB has a responsibility to secure the best use of public resources and provide value for money. To achieve this, the ICB needs to have a wide range of organisations willing to provide packages of care. Funding is based on the assessed level of needs of the patient, as well the availability of care at the time the request is made to find a suitable provider. It is also vitally important to patients that there is a wide range of providers who can provide care to ensure that patients receive packages of care most suitable for them.</p> <p>The ICB has considered both arguments and believes that maintaining the exemption is in the public's interest as it supports the ICB to commission services which are value for money and supports the best offer of choice for patients.</p>												
Section 2: Discharge to Assess (Pathway 1 – Home First)													
<p>6) Please provide the ICB's total gross expenditure on Discharge to Assess services delivered under Pathway 1 ('Home First').</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th>Pathway 1 expenditure</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2021/22</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>2022/23</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>2023/24</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>2024/25</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>2025/26 (forecast)</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The ICB is not able to detail expenditure on D2A P1, as follows:</p>		Pathway 1 expenditure	2021/22		2022/23		2023/24		2024/25		2025/26 (forecast)	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is included in the total contract awarded to our community provider and is not broken down at this level.</li> <li>Other P1 services are commissioned by the local authorities, not the ICB.</li> </ul> <p>Bristol City Council - <a href="https://www.bristol.gov.uk/data-protection-foi/freedom-of-information-foi">https://www.bristol.gov.uk/data-protection-foi/freedom-of-information-foi</a></p> <p>North Somerset Council - <a href="https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/council-democracy/data-protection-freedom-information/freedom-information/about-freedom-information-foi">https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/council-democracy/data-protection-freedom-information/freedom-information/about-freedom-information-foi</a></p> <p>South Gloucestershire Council - <a href="https://www.southglos.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/data-protection-and-freedom-of-information/making-a-freedom-of-information-request/">https://www.southglos.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/data-protection-and-freedom-of-information/making-a-freedom-of-information-request/</a></p>			
7) Please provide the total number of patients discharged from hospital via Pathway 1 in each year:		Pathway 1 patient discharges		
	2021/22	5125		
	2022/23	6086		
	2023/24	6557		
	2024/25	8109		
	2025/26 (forecast)	9317		
8) Please provide a list of the top 10 providers who received the greatest amount of funding for Pathway 1 ('Home First') Discharge to Assess care packages for the last financial year 2024/25. For each provider, please provide the gross expenditure and number of packages (all active packages during the year, including those which started prior).		Provider name	Total expenditure (Pathway 1)	Number of packages (Pathway 1)
	Provider 1			
	Provider 2			
	Provider 3			
	Provider 4			
	Provider 5			

	Provider 6			
	Provider 7			
	Provider 8			
	Provider 9			
	Provider 10			
<p>The ICB cannot provide this information. The NHS service provision for P1 is provided by Sirona care and health, and P1 services are included in the total contract awarded to our community provider and is not broken down at this level. We advise you to contact Sirona directly: <a href="mailto:Sirona.hello@nhs.net">Sirona.hello@nhs.net</a></p> <p>Other P1 providers are commissioned by the local authorities – the ICB does not hold this information. See contact details above.</p>				

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 15 October 2025 and has been approved for release by Denise Moorhouse, Deputy Chief Nurse and Caroline Dawe, Deputy Director Performance and Delivery for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***