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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below clarification to your recent Freedom of Information query to Southport and Formby CCG.

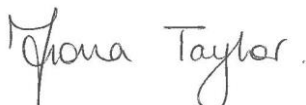
The CSU contracting team who provide commissioning support to the CCG have stated there are no specific guidelines issued by the NHS on how to broker a care package. It would be very hard to apply national guidance as the provision of care agencies, the services they provide and the process of commissioning services will vary across the country.

The CHC team contacted the providers which they commission on a regular basis and have undergone CQC inspection which provides assurance on the care they provide and competency of the staff they employ. This is the process used across both Liverpool and Sefton in order to commission clinical staff to provide services in the community above what is offered by the community nursing service.

In terms of capacity all suitable local providers will be contacted to determine if they can meet the needs of any individual package. A provider's capacity to deliver care will change regularly as the care packages they provide to people come to an end or are not required anymore. This applies to all care providers whether providing care at home or in a nursing home.

As such it is routine for the CHC team to contact all providers who can meet appropriate needs of individual patients as the capacity to provide care can change at short notice.

Yours sincerely



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