

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_128_23

You asked:

I would like to make a Freedom of Information Request for the following information relating to the commissioning contract that this Health Board has with Integra Community Living Options Ltd, which is part of the National Care Group:-

1. What is the value of the commissioning contract between the Health Board and Integra Community Living Options Ltd?

The Health Board commissions individual packages of care with Integra Community Living Options Ltd. The total value of contracts for 2022/23 is approximately £518,000.

2. What is the start and end date of the commissioning contract with Integra Community Living Options Ltd?

The contract with Integra Community Living Options Ltd is commissioned by [National Collaborative Commissioning Unit](#) (NCCU) for the period 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023.

In terms of the funding made available by the Welsh Government for the Real Living Wage uplift for registered care workers from 1st April 2022 please may I check:

3. What was the earliest date that these funds were available for successful access bids from providers?

There is no bidding process for the funds.

4. On which date did Integra Community Living Options Ltd., submit an application to access these funds?

Integra Community Living Options Ltd informed us in a letter dated 29/09/2022 that the costs of implementing the Real Living Wage had not been included in the NCCU price refresh process for 22/23, and they wished for the costs to be considered separately to the existing contract.

5. On which date were the funds released to Integra Community Living Options Ltd?

Funding negotiations are well advanced, and funds will be released when complete.

6. Please advise of any known obstacles or delays which may have contributed to the late release of these funds to Integra Community Living Options Ltd.

Discussions have been ongoing since Integra made us aware of the omission from the NCCU 2022/23 framework.

7. Please confirm the total amount of monies released to Integra Community Living Options Ltd, to fulfil the Real Living Wage uplift.

The total amount is yet to be determined.

8. In terms of the calculation received from and the monies released to Integra Community Living Options Ltd, please confirm what proportion is attributable to:

- **Maintaining differentials for staff at the lower end of the scale?**
- **Former employees who worked for Integra Community Living Options Ltd during the qualifying period?**

The calculation of the additional funding is to resource payment of the Real Living Wage rate from 01/04/2022, and not based upon maintaining differentials for staff at the lower end of the scale.

9. What steps will the Health Board take, and when, to monitor whether the full amount of funds released to Integra Community Living Options Ltd have been distributed to the intended recipients?

Acceptance of the additional Real Living Wage resource, will be deemed as acceptance of the Real Living Wage policy and subject to the same contract monitoring as the NCCU Contract.