

Ref: FOI/00374/CMICB
19 May 2023

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
ICB Radiotherapy Treatment**

Thank you for your information request indicated in bold below, which has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB). I can provide you with the following information and responses.

Please note from 01 July 2022, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) were disestablished, and their statutory functions and responsibilities inherited by NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB.

Your Request:

- 1) Is there a named person/position within the ICB with the responsibility to ensure that the ICB has access to sufficient radiotherapy treatment capacity?**
- 2) Does the ICB have a plan, either internal or published, to ensure that there is a rolling programme of radiotherapy machine replacement to ensure that no machines within the area of the ICB are outside their 10-year recommended lifespan?**
- 3) Does the ICB have a plan, either internal or published, to ensure that overall cancer treatment capacity is on target to meet the 13% extra treatment capacity specified in the NHS 2023/24 priorities and operational planning guidance. If the ICB does not have such a plan, by what date will they have one?**

Our Response:

1 – 3) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have a specific person within the ICB with responsibility to ensure capacity to access to radiotherapy treatment or hold any information in response to these questions.

You may wish to redirect your request for this information to The Cheshire & Merseyside Cancer Alliance, which is hosted by The Clatterbridge Cancer Care Resource Center NHS Foundation Trust, and can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: ccf-tr.foi@nhs.net

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that, where you are not satisfied with the response to your request for information, a formal complaints and internal review process is available.

This can be formally requested by emailing foi@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk and must be done within a reasonable time period (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you remain dissatisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at;

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us quoting the above FOI reference.