

Ref: FOI/00400/CMICB
13 June 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Innovative Technology & Software**

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 am able to 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) How much of the ICB (Previously CCG) Budget is attributed to engaging innovative technology to support with delivery of healthcare?**
- 2) How many tenders did the ICB (previously the CCG) issue in the last 24 months for the purposes of engaging Software as a Service? What was the total value of all the contracts awarded?**
- 3) How many (or what percentage) of the above tenders required ISO27001 as an essential or desirable accreditation for bidders?**
- 4) How many (or what percentage) of the above tenders required Cyber Essentials or Cyber Essentials Plus as an essential or desired accreditation for bidders?**

Our Response:

1 – 4) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have an attributed budget specifically for engaging innovative technology to support delivery of healthcare. Over the last 24 months, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB has not undertaken any formal tenders specifically for the purpose of engaging software as a service.

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
Cheshire
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www.ico.gov.uk

Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us quoting the above FOI reference.