

Ref: FOI/00371/CMICB
25 May 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
GP Software Systems**

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) Under the freedom of information act please tell me the following. That your software system for 97 percent of your GPs and others is optimise RX with three percent using Scriptwatch. Please confirm.

Our Response:

1) Please find listed below the information held regarding the prescribing software systems in use, and the number of GP Practices which currently use them, in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

GP Prescribing Software	Number of Practices
<i>Optimise RX</i>	74
<i>MedOptimise</i>	76
<i>NHS Pathways</i>	76

Halton

GP Prescribing Software	Number of Practices
<i>Optimise RX</i>	14

Knowsley

GP Prescribing Software	Number of Practices
<i>Optimise RX</i>	25

Liverpool

GP Prescribing Software	Number of Practices
<i>Optimise RX</i>	84

Sefton

GP Prescribing Software	Number of Practices
<i>Optimise RX</i>	40

St Helens

GP Prescribing Software	Number of Practices
<i>Optimise RX</i>	28

Warrington

GP Prescribing Software	Number of Practices
<i>Optimise RX</i>	24

Wirral

GP Prescribing Software	Number of Practices
<i>Scriptswitch</i>	46

Your Request:

2) Please confirm if Mark Palethorpe has responsibility for whole entire region including yourselves and Whiston Hospital in the use of the Investigatory powers act.

Our Response:

2) Mark Palethorpe, Place Director for St Helens, has responsibility for the St Helens Place area (former NHS St Helens CCG area) of NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB.

Whiston Hospital is operated by St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. Ann Marr OBE, is the Chief Executive of St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

Graham Unwin, Chief Executive of NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB, has overall responsibility for the whole of the NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB region.

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