

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ophthalmology Spend and Activity**

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) For the ICB and its predecessor CCGs, could you please provide the following information regarding cataract operations:

	2021-22	2022-23
a) Total Expenditure on Cataract Operations		
b) Expenditure with independent non-NHS Providers		
c) Expenditure on NHS Providers		
dii) Activity carried out by independent non-NHS providers		
di) Activity carried out by NHS providers		

2) Could I also ask the ICBs that were not able to provide data to our previous request (Columns D and R in the dataset, where 1 indicates a partial data and 0 indicates no data) revisit this request, and provide the above data for the years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Our Response:

1 – 2) Please find listed below the expenditure/activity requested during the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years by the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB on cataract operations. Please note the data held currently for 2022/23 is for the period 01 April 2022 to 28 February 2023.

LOCAL_COMMISSIONER	FINANCIAL YEAR	C	B	A
		NHS	NON-NHS	Grand Total
NHS CHESHIRE CCG	2018/19	£3,795,641	£1,161,257	£4,956,898
	2019/20	£4,216,308	£1,511,801	£5,728,109
	2020/21	£2,053,422	£1,325,892	£3,379,314
	2021/22	£4,112,641	£3,093,862	£7,206,503
	2022/23	£3,372,847	£3,089,579	£6,462,426
NHS HALTON CCG	2018/19	£607,096	£153,859	£760,955
	2019/20	£607,565	£410,031	£1,017,596
	2020/21	£206,968	£340,762	£547,730
	2021/22	£325,680	£776,285	£1,101,965
	2022/23	£286,462	£845,997	£1,132,459
NHS KNOWSLEY CCG	2018/19	£725,670	£253,533	£979,203
	2019/20	£808,262	£306,907	£1,115,169
	2020/21	£354,871	£278,686	£633,557
	2021/22	£519,589	£669,222	£1,188,811
	2022/23	£597,620	£868,672	£1,466,292
NHS LIVERPOOL CCG	2018/19	£1,541,361	£1,087,521	£2,628,882
	2019/20	£1,935,674	£1,194,420	£3,130,094
	2020/21	£582,748	£925,748	£1,508,496
	2021/22	£1,078,644	£2,517,441	£3,596,085
	2022/23	£1,335,969	£2,656,756	£3,992,725
NHS SOUTH SEFTON CCG	2018/19	£557,379	£307,711	£865,090
	2019/20	£630,907	£351,907	£982,814
	2020/21	£166,735	£350,420	£517,155
	2021/22	£458,195	£772,516	£1,230,711
	2022/23	£480,039	£867,923	£1,347,962
NHS SOUTHPORT AND FORMBY CCG	2018/19	£453,753	£56,132	£509,885
	2019/20	£463,646	£385,072	£848,718
	2020/21	£187,265	£453,084	£640,349
	2021/22	£329,877	£912,740	£1,242,617
	2022/23	£288,905	£889,274	£1,178,179
NHS ST HELENS CCG	2018/19	£861,491	£407,107	£1,268,598
	2019/20	£918,770	£500,022	£1,418,792
	2020/21	£557,006	£335,244	£892,250
	2021/22	£965,598	£619,979	£1,585,577
	2022/23	£965,796	£881,969	£1,847,765
NHS WARRINGTON CCG	2018/19	£771,775	£479,566	£1,251,340
	2019/20	£952,545	£704,840	£1,657,385
	2020/21	£362,288	£462,384	£824,672
	2021/22	£725,087	£1,028,023	£1,753,110
	2022/23	£535,619	£1,074,706	£1,610,325
NHS WIRRAL CCG	2018/19	£819,476	£1,637,582	£2,457,059
	2019/20	£1,164,104	£1,977,502	£3,141,606
	2020/21	£585,571	£1,210,950	£1,796,521
	2021/22	£959,780	£2,472,156	£3,431,936
	2022/23	£866,274	£1,909,958	£2,776,232

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		NHS	NON-NHS	
NHS CHESHIRE CCG	2018/19	6435	2102	8537
	2019/20	6435	2530	8965
	2020/21	3117	2278	5395
	2021/22	5424	4743	10167
	2022/23	4729	4383	9112
NHS HALTON CCG	2018/19	848	239	1087
	2019/20	804	583	1387
	2020/21	265	476	741
	2021/22	434	1061	1495
	2022/23	332	1176	1508
NHS KNOWSLEY CCG	2018/19	1078	443	1521
	2019/20	1061	472	1533
	2020/21	483	416	899
	2021/22	647	924	1571
	2022/23	720	1132	1852
NHS LIVERPOOL CCG	2018/19	2482	1788	4270
	2019/20	2840	1824	4664
	2020/21	979	1406	2385
	2021/22	1633	3346	4979
	2022/23	1868	3569	5437
NHS SOUTH SEFTON CCG	2018/19	1037	537	1574
	2019/20	1036	658	1694
	2020/21	385	544	929
	2021/22	781	1050	1831
	2022/23	756	1150	1906
NHS SOUTHPORT AND FORMBY CCG	2018/19	817	88	905
	2019/20	758	1063	1821
	2020/21	495	595	1090
	2021/22	812	1144	1956
	2022/23	729	1235	1964
NHS ST HELENS CCG	2018/19	1145	758	1903
	2019/20	1058	795	1853
	2020/21	639	547	1186
	2021/22	1000	915	1915
	2022/23	1010	1168	2178
NHS WARRINGTON CCG	2018/19	1166	889	2055
	2019/20	1355	1046	2401
	2020/21	510	802	1312
	2021/22	1042	1585	2627
	2022/23	689	1498	2187
NHS WIRRAL CCG	2018/19	1099	2974	4073
	2019/20	1745	3372	5117
	2020/21	639	2134	2773
	2021/22	1242	3738	4980
	2022/23	1278	2828	4106

Your Request:

- 3) A paragraph or two summary of information the ICB holds on:**
- a) How pandemic pressures impacted spend on cataract surgeries or activity**
 - b) How COVID block-funding affected spend on cataract surgeries or activity**
 - c) Any local factors which were particularly important to the spend on cataract surgeries or activity**

Our Response:

3a - c) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold and documents or information specifically detailing how pandemic pressures, Covid-19 or local factors impacted spend/activity on cataract surgeries in response to these questions.

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;

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