

Ref: FOI/00467/CMICB
17 July 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Payments to HCRG**

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:

On the website for how we spend your money for Cheshire and Merseyside ICB it only shows payments up to January 2023 ?

In January it shows you payed HCRG for two services.

I then check Cumbria and Lancashire ICB how we spend your money [there is up to date] but they also payed HCRG in January with two payments can you explain why two ICB pay HCRG in the same month [one payment is for the same service.]

Our Response:

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's Spending Reports in relation to expenditure over £25,000 for the months of February, March, April and May 2023 have now been uploaded to our website and can be accessed via the following link:
<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/latest/reports/spending-reports/>

In respect of the payments listed for HCRG Care Services Ltd contained in NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's Spending Report for January 2023, these payments relate to non-contract activity for patients registered with a Cheshire and Merseyside ICB member GP practice who have accessed services that are provided by HCRG Care Services Ltd within Ormskirk and Skelmersdale, such as the West Lancashire Urgent Treatment Centre located at Ormskirk District General Hospital.

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold information on payments made to HCRG Care Services Ltd by NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria ICB during January 2023. You may wish to redirect your request for information on payments made by NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria ICB to HCRG Care Service Ltd to NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria ICB, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: mlcsu.foiteam@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.