

Ref: FOI/00417/CMICB
19 June 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
ICB Contracts**

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 many contracts has the ICB stopped or discontinued since taking over from CCGs (1 July 2022)?**
- 2) Please give details of the changes, including service provision and date discontinued, and money allocated to the contract during its most recent financial year.**
- 3) How many contracts has the ICB procured or set up since taking over from CCGs (1 July 2022)?**
- 4) Please give details of the changes, including service provision and date confirmed/established, and total funding allocated to each contract.**
- 5) How many contracts has the ICB got in place in total (most recent data available)?**
- 6) Has the ICB altered any thresholds for referrals for any of its services since taking over from CCGs (1 July 2022)? If yes, please give details of service and changes.**

Our Response:

1 – 6) Following the disestablishment of CCGs and the creation of NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB on 01 July 2022, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB inherited the statutory functions (including with it the previous contracts held) for each of the former nine CCGs listed below:

- NHS Cheshire CCG
- NHS Halton CCG
- NHS Knowsley CCG
- NHS Liverpool CCG
- NHS South Sefton CCG
- NHS Southport & Formby CCG
- NHS St Helens CCG
- NHS Warrington CCG
- NHS Wirral CCG

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold information that separately details specifically the number of all contracts inherited from the nine former CCGs that have ended or been discontinued since 01 July 2022 to date, or details of any changes to all contracts including service provision, spend and altering of thresholds for referrals.

Information on all the contracts previously inherited/held by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB are recorded on the ICB's 'contract repository' spreadsheet, which is a live document continually updated to reflect any changes made to contracts held. As of 22 May 2023, there were a total of 4,722 separate contracts held and listed on NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's contract repository.

In order to determine and identify the information you have specifically requested would require a member of staff to review and compare each contract listed on the ICB's contract repository to determine if and what changes to that contract have occurred between 01 July 2022 to present.

Based on it taking a member of staff approximately 15 minutes to review and compare each of the 4,722 separate contracts currently listed with previous versions of the contract repository, would equate to approximately 1,180 hours of staff time to undertake in order to obtain the specific breakdown of the information you have requested.

Due to the nature in which the information you have requested regarding all contracts is recorded and held by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB, we have estimated that compliance with your request for this information would far exceed the appropriate cost limit £450 (18 hours in staff time) for responding to a Freedom of Information request.

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB is therefore engaging Section 12: '*Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit*', of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to your request.

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
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

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