

Ref: FOI/00428/CMICB  
17 July 2023

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Learning Disabilities**

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) Please could you supply the name, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for learning disabilities placements?**

**For questions 2 to 6, please supply this information as a snapshot at the end of the year for the financial years 2022/23 and the most up to date snapshot available for 2023/24.**

**2) Please provide the total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the ICB in residential care.**

**3) Of the total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the ICB in residential care (q.2) please provide the number that are in 'in area' placements and the number that are in 'out of area' placements.**

**4) Please provide the total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the ICB in supported living.**

**5) Please provide the number of adults with learning disabilities who transitioned from children's learning disabilities services into adult's services - in total, into adult residential care services only, and into adult supported living services only.**

**6) Please provide the number of adults with learning disabilities who 'stepped down' from specialist inpatient hospital placements into adult residential care and supported living services.**

**7) Please provide the ICB's total expenditure on residential care and supported living for adults with learning disabilities for the financial year 2022/23, and budgeted expenditure for 2023/24.**

**8) Please provide the highest, lowest, and average weekly rate paid by the ICB for residential care placements for adults with a learning disability for each of the financial years 2022/23 and 2023/24. If the ICB has weekly rate bands, please also provide these.**

**9) Please provide the highest, lowest, and average hourly rate paid by the ICB for supported living placements for adults with a learning disability for each of the financial years 2022/23 and 2023/24. If the ICB has hourly rate bands, please also provide these.**

**Our Response:**

Please find listed below the information held regarding learning disability placements in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

**Cheshire**

1) [cheshire.chc-cc@nhs.net](mailto:cheshire.chc-cc@nhs.net)

2 - 3) 2022/23: 15 (9 in area). 2023/24: 16 (10 in area).

4) 2022/23: 38. 2023/24: 42.

5) 2022/23: 7 (2 in residential and 5 in supported living). 2023/24: 8 (2 in residential and 6 in supported living).

6) Information not held in a reportable format.

7) 2022/23: £1,304,870 (Residential Care) and £4,376,727 (Supported Living). 2023/24: £911,897 (Residential Care) and £7,681,671 (Supported Living).

8) 2022/23: highest £6,701, lowest £74 and average £1,853. 2023/24: highest £6,701, lowest £229 and average £1,792.

9\*) 2022/23: highest £10,850, lowest £20 and average £2,562. 2023/24: highest £10,850, lowest £23 and average £2,318.

\*information not recorded by hourly rate and therefore these figures for Q9 are provided as a weekly cost.

**Halton**

1) [cmicb-war.chcadmin@nhs.net](mailto:cmicb-war.chcadmin@nhs.net)

2) Unable to report snapshot as of end of 2023/24 financial year. Snapshot as of 20 June 2023: 6.

3) All placements listed in response to Question 2 'in area'.

4) Unable to report snapshot as of end of 2023/24 financial year. Snapshot as of 20 June 2023: 5.

5 - 6) Information not held in a reportable format.

7 - 9) Unable to separately identify spend data on patients specially with a learning disability.

## **Knowsley**

- 1) [Knowlsey.Communications@Knowsley.nhs.uk](mailto:Knowlsey.Communications@Knowsley.nhs.uk)
- 2) 2022/23: 6. 2023/24: 4.
- 3) All placements listed in response to Question 2 'in area'.
- 4) 2022/23: 7. 2023/24: 7.
- 5) 2022/32: Nil. 2023/24: Nil.
- 6) Information not held in a reportable format.
- 7) 2022/23: £1,117,392. 2023/24: £1,064,876.
- 8) 2022/23: highest £5,916, lowest £2,243 and average £3,3880. 2023/24: highest £5,916, lowest £2,407 and average £4,445.
- 9) Information not held. You may wish to redirect your request for this information to Knowsley Council, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: [foi@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:foi@knowsley.gov.uk)

## **Liverpool**

- 1 - 9) Information not held. Please be advised that Liverpool City Council is responsible for commissioning of learning disability placements in Liverpool. You may therefore wish to redirect your request for this information to Liverpool City Council, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: [informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk)

## **Sefton**

- 1) [Seftonplace@nhs.net](mailto:Seftonplace@nhs.net)
- 2) 2022/23: 1. 2023/24: 1.
- 3) Placements listed in response to Question 2 'out of area'.
- 4) 2022/23: 3. 2023/24: 3.
- 5) 2022/32: 1. 2023/24: Nil.
- 6) Nil.
- 7) 2022/23: £191,000 (residential care) and £266,000 (supported living). 2023/24: £191,000 (residential care) and £266,000 (supported living).
- 8) 2022/23: highest £3,656, lowest £3,656 and average £3,656. 2023/24: highest £3,656, lowest £3,656 and average £3,656.
- 9) Information not recorded as an hourly rate.

## **St Helens**

- 1 - 9) Information not held. Please be advised that St Helens Borough Council is responsible for commissioning of learning disability placements in St Helens. You may therefore wish to redirect your request for this information to St Helens Borough Council who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: [www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/6525/Raise-a-Freedom-of-Information-request](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/6525/Raise-a-Freedom-of-Information-request)

## **Warrington**

- 1) [cmicb-war.chcadmin@nhs.net](mailto:cmicb-war.chcadmin@nhs.net)
- 2) Unable to report snapshot as of end of 2023/24 financial year. Snapshot as of 20 June 2023: 6.
- 3) All placements listed in response to Question 2 'in area'.
- 4) Unable to report snapshot as of end of 2023/24 financial year. Snapshot as of 20 June 2023: 3.
- 5 - 6) Information not held in a reportable format.

7) 2022/23: £738,000 (Residential) and £278,000 (Supported Living). Projected spend for 2023/24: £1,063,000 (Residential) and £335,000 (Supported Living).

8) 2022/23: highest £5,825, lowest £309 and average £2734. Projected spend for 2023/24: highest £6,349, lowest £309 and average £3,389.

9\*) 2022/23: highest £6,995, lowest £641 and average £2,811. Projected spend for 2023/24: highest £3,141, lowest £1,213 and average £2,250.

\*information not recorded by hourly rate and therefore these figures for Q9 are provided as a weekly cost.

## Wirral

1) [cmicb-wi.wirralcomplexcare@nhs.net](mailto:cmicb-wi.wirralcomplexcare@nhs.net)

2) 2022/23: 29. 2023/24: 23.

3) 2022/23 and 2023/24: 8 'out of area'.

4) 2022/23: 90. 2023/24: 81.

5 - 6) Information not held in a reportable format.

7) 2022/23: £2,466,212 (residential care) and £7,595,792 (supported living).

Forecast spend 2023/24: £3,173,901 (residential care) and £7,894,259

(supported living).

8) 2022/23: highest £6,087, lowest £7 and average £1,825. 2023/24: highest £6,087, lowest £113 and average £2,128.

9\*) 2022/23: highest £8,976, lowest £14 and average £1,807. 2023/24: highest £8,976, lowest £165 and average £1,946.

\*information not recorded by hourly rate and therefore these figures for Q9 are provided as a weekly cost.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)