

Ref: FOI/00420/CMICB
21 June 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Joint Committee Working**

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:

Specialised Commissioning is being devolved to ICBs through joint committee arrangements between ICBs and NHS England NHSE). I am aware of the policy related to this and to the formation of the ICBs that form the nine Joint Committees with NHSE.

**1) Has your ICB formed its arrangements for Joint Committee working?
YES/NO**

2) If so, could you please send me a copy or direct me to it? (eg via your website or Board papers)

Our Response:

1 - 2) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB has approved a Joint Working Arrangement (JWA) with NHS England and NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria ICB and NHS Manchester ICB for the formation of a Specialised Services Joint Committee.

The NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB Board approved the JWA at its meeting in March 2023. A copy of the Board paper can be found on our website via https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/media/zvidjdnk/icb-board-public-agenda-papers-300323_compressed.pdf. Additionally, the JWA can be found on our website at: <https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/about/how-we-work/corporate-governance-handbook/delegation-and-joint-working-agreements/>

Your Request:

3) Please name any officers appointed from your ICB to be members of the Joint Committee?

Our Response:

3) Clare Watson, Assistant Chief Executive, has been appointed as the nominated NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB member on the Specialised Services Joint Committee.

Your Request:

4) Please name the Chair, if known

Our Response:

4) A designated individual has not been identified as the Chair of the Specialised Services Joint Committee. Initially the Chairmanship of this Committee is being rotated by the Committee Partners. The first meeting of the Shadow Committee meets in June 2023 where its Terms of Reference (ToR) will be agreed and then submitted to all partners for approval at their respective Board meetings throughout June/July 2023. Following approval of the TOR by all partners the Specialised Services Joint Committee will then be formally established.

Your Request:

5) Please name any person appointed to the Joint Committee from NHSE

Our Response:

5) Andrew Bibby, Regional Director of Health & Justice and Specialised Commissioning (North West), is the person appointed to the Specialised Services Joint Committee from NHS England.

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

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