Ref: FOI/00370/CMICB 24 May 2023

Dear,

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000 Children's Mental Health Placements

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) The number of children (under 18) with mental health conditions admitted to hospital for the last 5 years if available, alternatively if that exceeds the FOI time limit, the most recent calendar year or April-March (FY year), whatever is easier to provide.

Please split the numbers into the following segments if they are possible:

- a) Number sent to a hospital out of area (outside of the ICS boundary)
- b) Number sent to physical health hospital
- c) Number sent to a mental health hospital
- d) If available the number per hospital admission type (self harm or diagnosis etc)

Our Response:

Information not held. You may wish to redirect your request for this information to the below local providers of children's mental health services and acute hospitals services in the Cheshire & Merseyside ICB area:

Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust cwp.foi@nhs.net

Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk

Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk

Countess of Chester NHS Foundation Trust foi.enquiries@coch.nhs.uk

East Cheshire NHS Trust ecn-tr.foirequests@nhs.net

Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Trust FOIRequests@lhch.nhs.uk

Liverpool University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust FOIRequests@liverpoolft.nhs.uk

Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust FOI@lwh.nhs.uk

Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk

Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust soh-tr.foi@nhs.net

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk

Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust WHH.FOI@nhs.net

Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust wih-tr.AccesstoInformationOffice@nhs.net

Additionally, please note that NHS England are the responsible commissioner for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) Tier 4 inpatient services, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: england.contactus@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 <u>foi@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk</u> 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.