

Ref: FOI/00359/CMICB
17 May 2023

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Hospital Discharge Fund**

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:

We would like to request an update on the £250 million fund that was announced to speed up hospital discharge on January 9:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/up-to-250-million-to-speed-up-hospital-discharge#:~:text=The%20NHS%20will%20buy%20thousands,to%20free%20up%20hospital%20beds.>

- 1) How much of the £250million NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB received/used?**
- 2) When did the fund money reach the front line at NHS Cheshire and Merseyside?**

Our Response:

1 - 2) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB received and spent £9,059,000 from the hospital discharge funding allocation, with schemes implemented locally from January 2023.

Your Request:

- 3) Can you provide a breakdown of which local authorities in your district the fund was distributed to and how much?**

4) Can you provide a breakdown of how much of the fund went to care homes, assisted living facilities, and at-home care in your district?

Our Response:

3) Please find listed below a breakdown of the hospital discharge funding provided by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB specifically to the Local Authorities across Cheshire & Merseyside:

Local Authority	Funding provided (£)
<i>Cheshire West & Chester</i>	50,000
<i>Halton</i>	220,000
<i>Knowsley</i>	474,000
<i>Liverpool</i>	1,826,000
<i>Warrington</i>	220,000
<i>St Helens</i>	730,000
<i>Sefton</i>	750,000

4) Please find listed below a breakdown of the hospital discharge funding provided by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB specifically in the categories of care homes, assisted living and domiciliary care across Cheshire & Merseyside:

Care Provider Type	Funding Provided (£)
<i>Care Homes</i>	3,416,000
<i>Assisted Living</i>	32,000
<i>Domiciliary Care</i>	398,000

Please note that this hospital discharge funding received and spent by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB was also provided to other NHS and independent sector healthcare providers outside of the specific categories listed in 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
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Water Lane
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Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us quoting the above FOI reference.