

Ref: FOI/00491/CMICB
03 August 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Commissioning of Neurodevelopmental Diagnosis/Treatment Services**

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) Has the ICS of which Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board is a member of decided to implement an NHS Trust Lead Provider Model for the commissioning of its services (including diagnostic pathways) for Autism, ADHD and other neurodevelopmental conditions?**
- 2) If yes, what is the timeline to implement an NHS Trust Lead Provider Model?**

Our Response:

1 - 2) Not currently.

Your Request:

- 3) Does Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board currently have direct NHS standard contracts or indirect subcontracts with independent providers for the diagnosis and treatment of Autism, ADHD, and other neurodevelopmental conditions?**

Our Response:

3) Yes, all direct NHS Standard Contracts.

Your Request:

4) If yes, are you, Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board, applying the Provider Selection Regime guidelines to your procurement of independent providers (as regulated by the Health and Care Act 2022), or are you continuing to use open competitive tendering to procure providers?

Our Response:

4) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB is fully compliant with the current public sector procurement regulations.

Your Request:

5) Does the ICS which Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board is a member of have a Lead Provider Collaborative for services relating to Learning Disabilities and Autism (LDA) and/or mental health conditions?

6) If yes, who chairs the Lead Provider Collaborative?

Our Response:

5 - 6) Yes, *Mental Health Community and Learning Disability Collaborative*, which is chaired by Professor Joe Rafferty, Chief Executive of Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust.

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;

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