

Ref: FOI/00499/CMICB  
28 July 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Cancer Stage Data**

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:**

**I am writing to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, the number of cancers that were detected in your ICB's footprint at each cancer stage, in each of the last five financial years. I have included a table for ease of response.**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>
<b>Stage 1</b>					
<b>Stage 2</b>					
<b>Stage 3</b>					
<b>Stage 4</b>					
<b>Stage 5</b>					

**For the years before the ICS was created, I would be grateful if you could add together the numbers for each of the CCGs that combined to create the ICS.**

**Our Response:**

The data held by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not detail when a patient's cancer was detected or the stage it was detected at to enable us to provide you with the information you have requested.

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)

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