

Ref: FOI/00302/CMICB
11 April 2023

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Closed GP Surgeries**

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:

- 1) How many GP surgeries in your ICS footprint closed (including mergers with other practices) in each year from 2018-2022 (inclusive);**
- 2) How many patients were registered at the surgeries when they closed?**

For ease of response I have included a table:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of practices that closed (including mergers)					
Total number of patients who were registered with the practices when they closed					

Our Response:

1 – 2) Please find listed below the information held in relation to any GP surgeries which closed or merged in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB between 2018 to 2022:

Cheshire

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Number of practices that closed (including mergers)	0	7*	3*	0	0
Total number of patients who were registered with the practices when they closed	0	108,777*	22,920*	0	0

*Practice merged / total number of patients transferred to newly merged practice

Halton

No GP surgeries closed in the former NHS Halton CCG area between 2018 and 2022.

Knowsley

No GP surgeries closed in the former NHS Knowsley CCG area between 2018 and 2022.

Liverpool

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Number of practices that closed (including mergers)	6	1	0	0	0
Total number of patients who were registered with the practices when they closed	16,352	2,354	0	0	0

South Sefton / Southport & Formby

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Number of practices that closed (including mergers)	0	0	1*	1*	1
Total number of patients who were registered with the practices when they closed	0	0	5,551*	10,408*	4,068

*Practice merged / total number of patients transferred to newly merged practice

St Helens

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Number of practices that closed (including mergers)	0	0	1*	0	2*
Total number of patients who were registered with the practices when they closed	0	0	7,729*	0	6,035*

*Practice merged / total number of patients transferred to newly merged practice

Warrington

No GP surgeries closed in the former NHS Warrington CCG area between 2018 and 2022.

Wirral

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Number of practices that closed (including mergers)	1*	0	1*	1*	1*
Total number of patients who were registered with the practices when they closed	1,750*		5,963*	3,440*	5,962*

*Practice merged / total number of patients transferred to newly merged practice

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.