

Ref: FOI/00380/CMICB  
26 May 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000  
CACNA1C Gene Change**

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:**

**How many individuals were identified to have a CACNA1C gene change as a result of genetic testing during the year 2022 and during the year 2021?**

**When a genetic change is found it is categorised according to the ACGS Guidelines (Association for Clinical Genomic Science). Ideally your response to how many individuals identified would indicate the classification of the findings with regard to number of individuals ie. Pathogenic, Likely pathogenic, Variant of Uncertain Significance, Likely benign and Benign.**

**Our Response:**

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold information on the number of individuals who were identified to a CACNA1C gene change as a result of genetic testing during the years 2022 and 2021.

You may wish to redirect your request for this information to the acute NHS Trusts in NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's geographical area, which are listed below along with their contact details for Freedom of Information requests:

*Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*  
[FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk)

*Countess of Chester NHS Foundation Trust*  
[foi.enquiries@coch.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@coch.nhs.uk)

*East Cheshire NHS Trust*  
[ecn-tr.foirequests@nhs.net](mailto:ecn-tr.foirequests@nhs.net)

*Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Trust*  
[FOIRequests@lhch.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIRequests@lhch.nhs.uk)

*Liverpool University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*  
[FOIRequests@liverpoolft.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIRequests@liverpoolft.nhs.uk)

*Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust*  
[FOI@lwh.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@lwh.nhs.uk)

*Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*  
[foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk)

*Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust*  
[soh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:soh-tr.foi@nhs.net)

*St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust*  
[foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk](mailto:foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk)

*Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*  
[WHH.FOI@nhs.net](mailto:WHH.FOI@nhs.net)

*Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*  
[wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@nhs.net](mailto:wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@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 [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.