

Ref: FOI/00471/CMICB
24 July 2023

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Spirometry**

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) How does the ICB ensure its provision/availability of spirometry in your area?**
- 2) Does the ICB commission it as a LES in GP practices? If so, what proportion of practices are signed up to do it? If no, how do you ensure its provision/availability in your area?**
- 3) Do you know how many patients are receiving spirometry in your area?**

Our Response:

Please find listed below the information held regarding spirometry provision in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

1 – 3) Information not held on number of patients receiving spirometry. You may wish to redirect your request for this information to Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, as the commissioned provider of spirometry provision who work in conjunction with Primary Care colleagues. Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk. Spirometry is not commissioned specifically as a Local Enhanced Service (LES) with member GP Practices in this area.

Halton

1 – 5) Information not held on number of patients receiving spirometry. You may wish to redirect your request for this information to Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as the commissioned provider of spirometry provision who work in conjunction with Primary Care colleagues. Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: WHH.FOI@nhs.net. Spirometry is not commissioned specifically as a Local Enhanced Service (LES) with member GP Practices in this area.

Knowsley

1 – 5) Information not held on number of patients receiving spirometry. You may wish to redirect your request for this information to Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Trust as the commissioned provider of spirometry provision who work in conjunction with Primary Care colleagues. Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Trust can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: FOIRequests@lhch.nhs.uk. Spirometry is not commissioned specifically as a Local Enhanced Service (LES) with member GP Practices in this area.

Liverpool

1 – 5) Information not held on number of patients receiving spirometry. You may wish to redirect your request for this information to Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Trust as the commissioned provider of spirometry provision who work in conjunction with Primary Care colleagues. Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Trust can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: FOIRequests@lhch.nhs.uk. Spirometry is not commissioned specifically as a Local Enhanced Service (LES) with member GP Practices in this area.

Sefton

1 – 5) Information not held on number of patients receiving spirometry. You may wish to redirect your request for this information to Liverpool University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust as the commissioned provider of spirometry provision and who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: FOIRequests@liverpoolft.nhs.uk. Please note that no GP Practices are commissioned to provide spirometry services, but some GP Practices may perform spirometry to support diagnosis and management within practice if the staff are nationally accredited to perform and interpret spirometry. Spirometry is not commissioned specifically as a Local Enhanced Service (LES) with member GP Practices in this area.

St Helens

1 – 5) Information not held on number of patients receiving spirometry. You may wish to redirect your request for this information to St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust as the commissioned provider of spirometry provision who work in conjunction with Primary Care colleagues. St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk. Spirometry is not commissioned specifically as a Local Enhanced Service (LES) with member GP Practices in this area.

Warrington

1 – 5) Information not held on number of patients receiving spirometry. You may wish to redirect your request for this information to Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as the commissioned provider of spirometry provision who work in conjunction with Primary Care colleagues. Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: WHH.FOI@nhs.net. Spirometry is not commissioned specifically as a Local Enhanced Service (LES) with member GP Practices in this area.

Wirral

1 – 5) Information not held on number of patients receiving spirometry. You may wish to redirect your request for this information to Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust as the commissioned provider of spirometry provision who work in conjunction with Primary Care colleagues. Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: wcnt.foi@nhs.net. Spirometry is not commissioned specifically as a Local Enhanced Service (LES) with member GP Practices in this area.

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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk*

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

