

Ref: FOI/00334/CMICB
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Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Board Members CCG to ICB**

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 would be grateful if you could provide a response regarding the employment by ICBs of Board members of CCGs. The transition in July 2023 has changed the role of many people in this tier of NHS management. Whilst some ICBs have welcomed GP input to new structures others seem to have been more selective about recruitment.

1) I would be grateful for records of the number of board members of CCGs

Our Response:

1) Information on the number of Governing Body members for each of the former CCGs that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB is detailed in their respective Annual Reports for 2021/22, which are all publicly available on our website via the following link:

www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/latest/reports/annual-reports/

Please find listed below the number of Governing Body members of each of the former CCGs that were engaged on contracts of employment as of 31 June 2022, prior to the formation of NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB on 01 July 2022:

NHS Cheshire CCG: 3
NHS Halton / Warrington CCGs: 3
NHS Knowsley CCG: 2
NHS Liverpool CCG: 3
NHS South Sefton / Southport & Formby CCGs: 4
NHS Wirral CCG: 9
NHS St Helens CCG: 5

Please note that above data does not include former CCG Governing Body members who were on 'contracts for services' (rather than the number on contracts of employment) such as GPs, lay members, secondary care doctors, and nurses. Should you wish for data on former CCG Governing Body members who were also on contracts for services please let us know.

Your Request:

2) Where board members transferred to ICBs directly

Our Response:

2) 27 former CCG board members on contracts of employment transferred directly to the ICB.

Your Request:

3) Where board members were transferred to other roles and what roles they were appointed to

Our Response:

3) Please find listed below the job titles of former CCG Governing Body members who were on contracts of employment that transferred to new roles in the ICB. Please note that some roles have more than one post holder (e.g. Place Clinical Director, Place Director, Clinical Lead).

Place Director

Place Clinical Director

Assistant Chief Executive

Place Associate Director of Finance & Performance

Place Associate Director of Quality & Safety Improvement

Deputy Director of Finance

Place Associate Director of Transformation & Partnerships

Clinical Lead

Please also note some of the former CCG Governing Body members who were on contracts of employment that transferred to the ICB on 01 July 2023 have since left.

Your Request:

4) How many board members have been lost to management of ICBS

Our Response:

4) 7 former CCG Governing Body members who were on contracts of employment are no longer employed following the management of change from CCG to ICB.

Your Request:

5) In particular whether there has been any pattern of recruitment relating to protected characteristics, geography/place.

Our Response:

5) No pattern of recruitment was implemented in the employment of NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB board members based on protected characteristics, geography/place etc.

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
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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.

