

Ref: FOI/00381/CMICB
15 June 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Hospice Care for Children & Young People**

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:

Life-limiting and life-threatening conditions: “Life-limiting conditions are those for which there is no reasonable hope of cure and from which children will die. Some of these conditions cause slow deterioration over time rendering the child increasingly dependent on parents and carers. Life-threatening conditions are those for which curative treatment may be feasible but can fail, such as cancer.”

Children and young people: Babies, children and young people aged 0-25.

1) Please set out how much money your integrated care board spent on hospice care for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per children’s hospice organisation.

2) Please set out how many children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions who live in your integrated care board footprint accessed hospice care between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per hospice organisation.

3) Please set out how many children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions who live in your integrated care board footprint could benefit from children’s hospice care.

4) Please set out how much money your integrated care board plans to spend on hospice care for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per hospice organisation.

Our Response:

Please find listed below the information held regarding hospice care for Children and Young People (CYP) in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

1) Contracts run from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. Please find listed below the contract spend on CYP hospice care during the 2022/23 financial year:

Hospice Organisation	2022/23 Contract Spend (£)
<i>Claire House Children's Hospice</i>	55,503
<i>Hope House</i>	16,311
<i>Dougie Mac</i>	30,000

2) Information not held.

3) Information not held.

4) Contracts run from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Please find listed below the planned contract budget on CYP hospice care during the 2023/24 financial year:

Hospice Organisation	2023/24 Planned Contract Budget (£)
<i>Claire House Children's Hospice</i>	67,302
<i>Hope House</i>	16,605
<i>Dougie Mac</i>	30,540

Halton

1) Contracts run from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. Please find listed below the contract spend on CYP hospice care during the 2022/23 financial year:

Hospice Organisation	2022/23 Contract Spend (£)
<i>Claire House Children's Hospice</i>	23,981.00

2) 15 CYP patients accessed hospice provisions at Claire House Children's Hospice.

3) Information not held.

4) Contracts run from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Please find listed below the planned contract budget on CYP hospice care during the 2023/24 financial year:

Hospice Organisation	2023/24 Planned Contract Budget (£)
<i>Claire House Children's Hospice</i>	24,413.00

Knowsley

1) Contracts run from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. Please find listed below the contract spend on CYP hospice care during the 2022/23 financial year:

Hospice Organisation	2022/23 Contract Spend (£)
<i>Claire House Children's Hospice</i>	35,896.00

2) 20 CYP patients accessed hospice provisions at Claire House Children's Hospice.

3) Information not held.

4) Contracts run from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Please find listed below the planned contract budget on CYP hospice care during the 2023/24 financial year:

Hospice Organisation	2023/24 Planned Contract Budget (£)
<i>Claire House Children's Hospice</i>	36,542.00

Liverpool

1) Contracts run from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. Please find listed below the contract spend on CYP hospice care during the 2022/23 financial year:

Hospice Organisation	2022/23 Contract Spend (£)
<i>Claire House Children's Hospice</i>	335,658.00
<i>Zoe's Place Baby Hospice</i>	65,710.00

2) Information not held.

3) Information not held.

4) Contracts run from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Please find listed below the planned contract budget on CYP hospice care during the 2023/24 financial year:

Hospice Organisation	2023/24 Planned Contract Budget (£)
<i>Claire House Children's Hospice</i>	339,018.00
<i>Zoe's Place Baby Hospice</i>	67,479.00

Sefton

1) Contracts run from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. Please find listed below the contract spend on CYP hospice care during the 2022/23 financial year:

Hospice Organisation	2022/23 Contract Spend (£)
<i>Claire House Children's Hospice</i>	64,714.00

2) Information not held.

3) Information not held.

4) Contracts run from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Please find listed below the planned contract budget on CYP hospice care during the 2023/24 financial year:

Hospice Organisation	2023/24 Planned Contract Budget (£)
<i>Claire House Children's Hospice</i>	61,121.00

St Helens

1) Contracts run from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. Please find listed below the contract spend on CYP hospice care during the 2022/23 financial year:

Hospice Organisation	2022/23 Contract Spend (£)
<i>Claire House Children's Hospice</i>	69,121.00

2) 30 CYP patients accessed hospice provisions at Claire House Children's Hospice.

3) Information not held.

4) Contracts run from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Please find listed below the planned contract budget on CYP hospice care during the 2023/24 financial year:

Hospice Organisation	2023/24 Planned Contract Budget (£)
<i>Claire House Children's Hospice</i>	70,115.00

Warrington

1) Contracts run from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. Please find listed below the contract spend on CYP hospice care during the 2022/23 financial year:

Hospice Organisation	2022/23 Contract Spend (£)
<i>Claire House Children's Hospice</i>	34,373.00

2) 17 CYP patients accessed hospice provisions at Claire House Children's Hospice.

3) Information not held.

4) Contracts run from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Please find listed below the planned contract budget on CYP hospice care during the 2023/24 financial year:

Hospice Organisation	2023/24 Planned Contract Budget (£)
<i>Claire House Children's Hospice</i>	34,992.00

Wirral

1) Contracts run from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. Please find listed below the contract spend on CYP hospice care during the 2022/23 financial year:

Hospice Organisation	2022/23 Contract Spend (£)
<i>St John's Hospice (Wirral)</i>	2,082,520.
<i>Claire House Children's Hospice</i>	239,733.

2) Information not held.

3) Information not held.

4) Contracts run from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Please find listed below the planned contract budget on CYP hospice care during the 2023/24 financial year:

Hospice Organisation	2023/24 Planned Contract Budget (£)
<i>St John's Hospice (Wirral)</i>	2,255,990.
<i>Claire House Children's Hospice</i>	279,360.

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;

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