

Ref: FOI/00463/CMICB
17 July 2023

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Procedure / Spend by Specialty**

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 like to get the number of procedures (volume) and spend (£ value) for 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 by specialty specifying if:

- Outsourced: defined as an external (third party) provider that has been contracted by your trust, health board or ICB to deliver procedure in their own facility with their own staff

- Insourced: defined as that external provider that has been contracted to deliver procedures, using your facilities (eg. operating theatre) but their staff

List of specialties:

- Anaesthesia
- Cardiology
- Cardiothoracic surgery
- Dentistry
- Dermatology
- Endoscopy
- ENT
- Gastroenterology
- General surgery
- Gynaecology
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Obstetrics
- Oncology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopaedics
- Plastic surgery
- Radiology
- Urology
- Vascular surgery
- Other

Our Response:

Please be advised that NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB, as a commissioner of healthcare services, does not 'insource' any procedures and instead commissions these from providers. Please find enclosed '[FOI00463 Table](#)' which details the non-elective/elective inpatient and outpatient activity/spend by procedure/provider for each of the former CCG's that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB from the 2017/18 financial year to present.

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