

Ref: FOI/00430/CMICB
03 July 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
eConsult and Accurx Spend/Contracts**

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:

- 1) Please could you provide me with the this year and last year cost of using eConsult and accurx.**
- 2) Also could you provide me with when the contracts ends.**

Our Response:

1 - 2) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's total contract cost with eConsult Health Ltd is approximately £316,000 per annum and with Accurx is approximately £563,000 per annum. The above current contracts for the 2023/24 financial year end on 30 September 2023.

Your Request:

- 3) Is there any extra funds available for other IT systems to help GPs**

Our Response:

3) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB received the NHS England System Development Transformation funding during the 2022/23 financial year and an additional digital allocation was also made to all ICB Primary Care places to support them with additional software provisions.

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