

Ref: FOI/00241/CMICB  
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**Your Request:**

**1) Under the freedom of information, please send me a copy of your current mental health policy.**

**Our Response:**

1) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have a specific 'mental health' policy. Please note that a wide range of mental health services are commissioned across a variety of NHS services, including Primary Care, Secondary Care and within the community for both children/young people and adults. If there is a specific area or mental health services you would like further information on, please let us know.

**Your Request:**

**2) As mental health is so affected by psycho- socio-economic circumstances, I have always considered it should be under the Public Health umbrella. Is it?**

**Our Response:**

2) Services relating to mental health are also commissioned under Public Health, which is delivered by the Local Authorities across NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's geographical area.

**Your Request:**

**3) Does it have its own budget? If so, is it capitated and what happens if / when the budget for the year is already spent?**

**Our Response:**

3) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have a single specific budget for mental health. As previously advised, mental health services are commissioned across a wide range of NHS services and age groups. If there is a specific mental health service area you would like further budget/spend information on, please let us know.

**Your Request:**

**4) How is the money proportioned between the different aspects of Public Health?**

**Our Response:**

4) Information not held. As previously advised, Public Health is commissioned and delivered by the Local Authorities in NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's geographical area.

For information on the money proportioned between the different aspects of Public Health within NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's geographical area you may wish to redirect your request for this information to the Local Authorities, as the organisations responsible for Public Health, which are listed below along with their contact details for Freedom of Information requests:

- *Cheshire East Council*  
[foi@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:foi@cheshireeast.gov.uk)
- *Cheshire West and Chester Council*  
[foi@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:foi@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)
- *Halton Borough Council*  
[hdl@halton.gov.uk](mailto:hdl@halton.gov.uk)
- *Knowsley Council*  
[foi@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:foi@knowsley.gov.uk)
- *Liverpool City Council*  
[informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk)
- *Sefton Council*  
[ino.information@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:ino.information@sefton.gov.uk)
- *St Helens Borough Council*  
[www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/6525/Raise-a-Freedom-of-Information-request](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/6525/Raise-a-Freedom-of-Information-request)
- *Warrington Borough Council*  
[foi@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:foi@warrington.gov.uk)
- *Wirral Council*  
[ww3.wirral.gov.uk/crmservicerequests/scripts/ServiceRequestMain.asp](http://ww3.wirral.gov.uk/crmservicerequests/scripts/ServiceRequestMain.asp)

**Your Request:**

**5) These are important matters because with permanent austerity, and a dramatic reduction in living standards whilst costs are rising astronomically, ever more people will need mental health services and we must all lobby for governments to address these issues. I would like to see a more progressive approach to mental health. Much progress was made under the Labour Governments, but those important initiatives seem to have all been abandoned, both locally and nationally. Perhaps you can direct me to some new initiatives**

**Our Response:**

5) As previously advised, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have a single specific 'mental health' service, with mental health services commissioned across a wide range of NHS services and age groups. If there is a specific mental health service area you would like further information regarding any new or planned initiatives, please let us know.

**Your Request:**

**6) Do you plan to have a webinar on mental health and if so, when will it be?**

**Our Response:**

6) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not currently have any scheduled webinars for mental health.

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](mailto: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*  
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