

Ref: FOI/00332/CMICB  
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Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000  
NHS Continuing Healthcare**

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.

**Your Request:**

**Please provide data for your current ICB and any previous CCGs that came before it and were at one point operational between 2018 and 2023 inclusive, including those that have since been merged or become defunct.**

**1) What was the total number of individuals in receipt of Standard NHS Continuing Healthcare with a Personal Health Budget\* in each of the following financial years?**

**Please understand this as a total of all Standard CHC cases with a Personal Health Budget within the financial year, even if they later became no longer eligible within that same financial year. The figure should also include those that were already eligible at the beginning of the financial year, in addition to any that became newly eligible within the financial year.**

- i) 2018/19**
- ii) 2019/20**
- iii) 2020/21**
- iv) 2021/22**
- v) 2022/23**

**\* This should include only those with a domiciliary care package.**

**2) What was the total budget spent on individuals in receipt of Standard NHS Continuing Healthcare with a Personal Health Budget\* in each of the following financial years?**

- i) 2018/19
- ii) 2019/20
- iii) 2020/21
- iv) 2021/22
- v) 2022/23

\* This should include only those with a domiciliary care package.

**3) What was the total budget allocated to individuals in receipt of Standard NHS Continuing Healthcare with a Personal Health Budget\* in each of the following financial years?**

- i) 2018/19
- ii) 2019/20
- iii) 2020/21
- iv) 2021/22
- v) 2022/23

\* This should include only those with a domiciliary care package.

**4) What is the standard hourly care rate, with which you currently calculate your indicative personal health budgets, broken down for Agency and Personal Assistant care? Please understand this in relation to individuals in receipt of domiciliary care packages through Standard NHS Continuing Healthcare.**

**5) What was the standard hourly care rate, with which you calculated your indicative personal health budgets on 1 April 2018\*, broken down for Agency and Personal Assistant care? Please understand this in relation to individuals in receipt of domiciliary care packages through Standard NHS Continuing Healthcare.**

\* If data for 1 April 2018 cannot be supplied, please provide figures for the nearest date to this.

**Our Response:**

Please find listed below the requested information held regarding NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

**Cheshire**

1) Please find listed below the total number of individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Cheshire CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total number of people with a PHB via CHC
2018/19	659
2019/20	912
2020/21	783
2021/22	694
2022/23	855

2) Please find listed below the total spend on individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Cheshire CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total spend on people with a PHB via CHC (£)
2018/19	15,954,454
2019/20	25,276,637
2020/21	27,761,633
2021/22	30,161,091
2022/23	36,549,754

3) Please find listed below the total budget for individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Cheshire CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total budget for people with a PHB via CHC (£)
2018/19	Information not recorded.
2019/20	15,166,696
2020/21	15,902,000
2021/22	19,566,000
2022/23	21,925,000

4) Personal Assistant (PA) hourly rate £14.00 and agency hourly rate £18.00

5) Information not recorded for 01 April 2018. However, for the 2020/21 financial year PA hourly rate was £13.00 and agency hourly rate was £16.00.

### Halton

1) Please find listed below the total number of individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Halton CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total number of people with a PHB via CHC
2018/19	Information not recorded.
2019/20	Information not recorded.
2020/21	29
2021/22	7
2022/23	12

2) Please find listed below the total spend on individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Halton CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total spend on people with a PHB via CHC (£)
2018/19	Information not recorded.
2019/20	Information not recorded.
2020/21	300,000
2021/22	600,000
2022/23	1,400,000

3) Please find listed below the total budget for individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Halton CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total budget for people with a PHB via CHC (£)
2018/19	Information not recorded.
2019/20	Information not recorded.
2020/21	400,000
2021/22	600,000
2022/23	1,300,000

4 - 5) Hourly rates with home care agencies/PAs are commissioned based on the quotes received at the time dependent on each individual package of care requirements, with no specific 'standard' hourly rate calculation used.

### Knowsley

1) Please find listed below the total number of individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Knowsley CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total number of people with a PHB via CHC
2018/19	151
2019/20	415
2020/21	539
2021/22	458
2022/23	358

2) Please find listed below the total spend on individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Knowsley CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total spend on people with a PHB via CHC (£)
2018/19	3,107,623
2019/20	5,330,229
2020/21	5,909,220
2021/22	5,950,719
2022/23	6,578,044

3) Please find listed below the total budget for individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Knowsley CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total budget for people with a PHB via CHC (£)
2018/19	1,716,931
2019/20	2,023,484
2020/21	5,787,659
2021/22	5,717,367
2022/23	6,154,945

4 - 5) Information not held. Please note the hourly rates costs for agencies/PAs is held by the Local Authority (Knowsley Council) who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: [foi@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:foi@knowsley.gov.uk)

### **Liverpool**

1) Please find listed below the total number of individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Liverpool CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total number of people with a PHB via CHC
2018/19	54
2019/20	71
2020/21	64
2021/22	59
2022/23	60

2) Please find listed below the total spend on individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Liverpool CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total spend on people with a PHB via CHC (£)
2018/19	3,000,000
2019/20	8,600,000
2020/21	9,500,000
2021/22	5,700,000
2022/23	5,200,000

3) No budget allocations set for individuals in receipt of CHC via a PHB in the former NHS Liverpool CCG area for the financial years 2018/19 to 2022/23.

4) Personal Assistant (PA) hourly rate £13.50.

5) PA hourly rate £13.50.

### **South Sefton/Southport & Formby**

1) Please find listed below the total number of individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS South Sefton/Southport & Formby CCG areas for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total number of people with a PHB via CHC
2018/19	51
2019/20	235
2020/21	296
2021/22	494
2022/23	455

2) Please find listed below the total spend on individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS South Sefton/Southport & Formby CCG areas for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total spend on people with a PHB via CHC (£)
2018/19	1,136,000
2019/20	3,350,000
2020/21	5,411,000
2021/22	7,068,000
2022/23	7,270,000

3) Please find listed below the total budget for individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS South Sefton/Southport & Formby CCG areas for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total budget for people with a PHB via CHC (£)
2018/19	1,076,000
2019/20	2,215,000
2020/21	5,357,000
2021/22	6,154,000
2022/23	7,736,000

4) Personal Assistant (PA) hourly rate £13.50.

5) PA hourly rate £13.50.

### St Helens

1) Please find listed below the total number of individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS St Helens CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total number of people with a PHB via CHC
2018/19	Patient numbers not recorded.
2019/20	454
2020/21	488
2021/22	579
2022/23	527

2) Please find listed below the total spend on individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS St Helens CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total spend on people with a PHB via CHC (£)
2018/19	1,647,009
2019/20	1,637,831
2020/21	2,686,230
2021/22	2,236,586
2022/23	1,948,218

3) Please find listed below the total budget for individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS St Helens CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total budget for people with a PHB via CHC (£)
2018/19	1,742,989
2019/20	1,521,322
2020/21	1,935,822
2021/22	2,101,845
2022/23	2,173,464

4) PA rates for packages up to 29 hours per week are paid at £10.15 per hour. Packages of 30 hours or more, are paid at £11.15 per hour.

5) Data not recorded in a way to identify this information.

### Warrington

1) Please find listed below the total number of individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Warrington CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total number of people with a PHB via CHC
2018/19	221
2019/20	228
2020/21	89
2021/22	27
2022/23	17

2) Please find listed below the total spend on individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Warrington CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total spend on people with a PHB via CHC (£)
2018/19	1,700,000
2019/20	1,600,000
2020/21	1,900,000
2021/22	1,500,000
2022/23	1,500,000

3) Please find listed below the total budget for individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Warrington CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total budget for people with a PHB via CHC (£)
2018/19	2,600,000
2019/20	2,700,000
2020/21	2,600,000
2021/22	1,900,000
2022/23	1,700,000

4 - 5) Hourly rates with home care agencies/PAs are commissioned based on the quotes received at the time dependent on each individual package of care requirements, with no specific 'standard' hourly rate calculation used.

**Wirral**

1) Please find listed below the total number of individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Wirral CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total number of people with a PHB via CHC
2018/19	149
2019/20	186
2020/21	147
2021/22	147
2022/23	147

2) Please find listed below the total spend on individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Wirral CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total spend on people with a PHB via CHC (£)
2018/19	9,423,707
2019/20	7,175,829
2020/21	6,581,558
2021/22	5,213,818
2022/23	3,538,869

3) Please find listed below the total budget for individuals in receipt of CHC with a Personal Health Budget (PHB) for a domiciliary care package in the former NHS Wirral CCG area for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years:

Financial Year	Total budget for people with a PHB via CHC (£)
2018/19	7,803,978
2019/20	7,091,408
2020/21	7,365,777
2021/22	3,765,317
2022/23	2,650,145

4 - 5) Hourly rates with home care agencies/PAs are commissioned based on the quotes received at the time dependent on each individual package of care requirements, with no specific 'standard' hourly rate calculation used.

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;

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