

Ref: FOI/00437/CMICB  
30 June 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000  
NHS Breast Cancer Screening & Diagnosis**

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) How many patients have been screened for breast cancer within your organisation in the last 12 months?**

**2) How many patients attended symptomatic clinics for potential breast cancer within your organisation within the last 12 months?**

**3) Over the last 12 months, how many patients has your organisation treated or screened for breast cancer with the following modalities?**

- a) Mammography**
- b) Tomosynthesis**
- c) Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)**
- d) Computerised Tomography (CT)**

**4a) How many mammography examinations have taken place in the last 12 months?**

**4b) How many of the above patients received contrast media enhanced mammography?**

**5) How many individual devices does your organisation have for patients to access within your geographical catchment area?**

- a) Standard Mammography**

- b) Digital Mammography**
- c) Tomosynthesis**
- d) Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)**
- e) Computerised Tomography (CT)**

**6) How many private providers offer access for potential breast cancer patients within your catchment area to the following modalities?**

- a) Mammography**
- b) Tomosynthesis**
- c) Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)**
- d) Computerised Tomography (CT)**

**If yes to the above question, please can you name those providers?**

**Our Response:**

1 – 6) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not commission or fund breast cancer screening and diagnosis services. In respect of breast cancer screening and diagnosis services, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB understands that this is commissioned by NHS England/NHS Improvement who fund breast screening as one of their Public Health functions.

Consequently, you may wish to redirect your request for this information to NHS England, as the organisation responsible for commissioning breast cancer screening and diagnosis services, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: [england.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:england.contactus@nhs.net)

For additional information, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB understands that the below listed breast screening services/programmes appear to be in operation locally in the following areas, and provided by the listed local NHS Trusts:

- *Cheshire and Stockport Breast Screening Service*  
(via East Cheshire NHS Trust).
- *Liverpool, Sefton and Knowsley Breast Screening Service*  
(via Liverpool University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust).
- *Warrington, Halton & St Helens Breast Screening Service*  
(via Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust).
- *Wirral & Chester Breast Screening Programme*  
(via Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust).

You may therefore also wish to redirect your request for information on breast cancer screening and diagnosis services to the local NHS Trusts listed above, who provide the breast screening services/programmes across the Cheshire & Merseyside geographical area. Please find listed below the contact details for Freedom of Information requests to these local NHS Trusts:

- *East Cheshire NHS Trust*  
[ecn-tr.foirequests@nhs.net](mailto:ecn-tr.foirequests@nhs.net)
- *Liverpool University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*  
[FOIRequests@liverpoolft.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIRequests@liverpoolft.nhs.uk)
- *Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*  
[WHH.FOI@nhs.net](mailto:WHH.FOI@nhs.net)
- *Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*  
[wih-tr.AccessstoInformationOffice@nhs.net](mailto:wih-tr.AccessstoInformationOffice@nhs.net)

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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