

Ref: FOI/00353/CMICB
15 May 2023

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
GP Numbers in Formby**

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 full time GPs are there?

Our Response:

1) As of February 2023, the data held indicates there were 0.4 whole time equivalent GPs per 1000 population specifically in the Formby area.

Your Request:

2) Is there any required level of GPs per head of population?

Our Response:

2) There is no required level of GPs per head of population.

Your Request:

3) Given the level of housing development will this affect the number of GPs required?

Our Response:

3) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold information specifically on potential effects of new housing developments in Formby. GP demand would be dependent on where residents come from to any new housing developments. For example, if people move within Formby to a new housing development, they will already be registered with a GP Practice in Formby.

However, if a significant number of new residents move into the Formby area, then demand for GP access will rise. Additionally, the age and dependency of new residents will also impact on the level of demand for GP availability. Please note that there are issues nationally with recruitment of new GPs into the workforce, with General Practices working more in a multidisciplinary way utilising a range of different healthcare professionals in their teams.

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.