

Ref: FOI/00377/CMICB
26 May 2023

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Sub-ICB Location (SICBL) Information**

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) A record and minute from any meeting of the ICB which discussed how to ensure best practice is shared between each Sub-ICB Location (SICBL)? This question is referencing either clinical or organisational best practice, so anything from particularly good/efficient clinical practice that has worked well in one CCG/SICBL, and could be beneficial in another, to leadership structures or changes in pathway management that have worked well in one CCG/SICBL and could be beneficial in another.

Our Response:

1) Please be advised that the copies of minutes of NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB meetings are published and publicly available on our website via the following link: <https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/get-involved/meeting-and-event-archive/>

Your Request:

2) What policies does the ICB have in place to ensure that patients have access to the best care within the ICS, regardless of where they live in that area; and how many patients have had care commissioned within ICS, but outside of their local Sub-ICB Location (SICBL)? Any acute or non-acute care commissioned in the CCG received quickly and safely. This questions is looking to determine whether patients are having shorter/longer waits for care and safer/better care following integration, and how many patients are having care commissioned within ICS, but outside of their local Sub-ICB Location (SICBL).

Our Response:

2) Please find listed below a link to the *Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership (ICP) Interim Strategy*:

<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/media/hxqpdrot/cheshire-merseyside-draft-interim-hcp-strategy-2023.pdf>

Your Request:

3) Any analysis completed by the ICB on the impact on patients following the integration of its SICBLs?

Our Response:

3) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold any analysis specifically on the impact on patients following the disestablishment of the former Clinical Commissioning Groups on 01 July 2022.

Your Request:

4) What policies does ICB have that are aimed at tackling a) the impact of deprivation on patients and b) inequalities in line with the Core20Plus5 framework?

Our Response:

4) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have any specific individual policies in respect of the impact of deprivation on patients and inequalities in line with the Core20Plus5 framework. However, use of the search function on our website (<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/>) with the term 'Core20Plus5' will bring up all publicly available NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB documents that reference this within them.

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;

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