

Ref: FOI/00460/CMICB
18 July 2023

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Funding of Section 117 Packages of Care**

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:

Re: funding of section 117 packages of care: what mechanism or tool is used to determine the funding split between health and local authorities?

Our Response:

Please find listed below the information held on mechanisms used to determine the funding split between NHS and Local Authorities for Section 117 packages of care in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

Joint interagency agreement between both Local Authorities (*Cheshire East Council* and *Cheshire West & Chester Council*) and ICB to jointly fund Section 117 packages on a 50:50 basis.

Halton

Section 117 package funding in Halton is split 50:50 between health and the Local Authority (*Halton Borough Council*).

Knowsley

No specific tool used with the split for Section 117 funding packages of care based on an individual case basis and assessment of need which is then discuss and agreed with the ICB and Local Authority (*Knowsley Council*).

Liverpool

The approach taken in Liverpool to determine the funding split for Section 117 packages of care is that all requests are 50:50 funded with the Local Authority, (*Liverpool City Council*).

Sefton

No formal policy of procedure in place between the ICB in Sefton and the Local Authority (*Sefton Council*) for funding Section 117 packages of care. However, there is a common agreement of a 50:50 split when funding Section 117 packages of care.

St Helens

In St Helen there is a pooled budget with the Local Authority (*St Helens Borough Council*) which includes Section 117 packages of care. The pooled budget funding split is 72% ICB and 28% Local Authority.

Warrington

Section 117 package funding in Warrington is split 50:50 between health and the Local Authority (*Warrington Borough Council*).

Wirral

Section 117 package funding split is decided on a case-by-case basis via the Joint Section 117 funding panel, which includes representatives from the Local Authority (*Wirral Council*) with feedback going to an ICB funding panel ever three weeks to agree authorisation for the proposed split.

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